

SPIRITUAL RESET:
#5 – DANIEL INTEGRITY
DANIEL 6:1-28



Integrity – Consistency in sound moral principle, uprightness, honesty, and sincerity.
 Opposites – dishonesty, corruption, hypocrisy, duplicity (double-dealing).

I. We Need Daniel Integrity When Experiencing Prosperity (Dan. 6:1-4)

- ***Daniel was forced to live in a _____ land*** – Daniel grew up during the spiritual revival of King Josiah and prophecies of Jeremiah. Then, he found himself in a strange foreign land. He did not compromise himself to fit in or be successful like many, but maintained spiritual integrity.
- ***Daniel distinguished himself through _____*** (vs. 3-4) – Daniel “stood out” through his “exceptional qualities”: Trustworthy (faithful and honest), honest (not corrupt), diligent – steady, persevering and careful in work (not negligent), and wise – spiritually as well as secularly. This is all the more remarkable because Daniel had been a high official in the previous Babylonian Empire that Persia had just conquered. Daniel’s integrity rose above suspicion. His secular integrity came from his personal spiritual integrity.
- ***Daniel didn’t lose his integrity in spite of _____*** – King Darius appointed him one of 120 satraps (a royal governor) over the vast Medo-Persian Empire. Then the king planned on promoting him to prime minister over the whole empire. Unlike many, Daniel did not let the prosperity and power ruin him by compromising to keep power and prosperity.

II. We Need Daniel Integrity When Challenged by Adversity (Dan. 6:5-15)

- ***Daniel’s integrity did not _____ him from adversity*** – Being righteous and living a life of integrity does not guarantee protection from adversity. In fact, it causes adversity from those who are lazy, dishonest and unrighteous, showing you are not like them. They will seek to get you to compromise (so they can feel better about their sin). If that doesn’t work, they will seek to destroy you. Remember, God is at work in these situations, even when it isn’t evident.
- ***Daniel was _____ in integrity, in spite of adversity*** – Too often when facing adversity, we seek to fight back using the world’s ways and Satan’s tools to hurt those who seek to hurt us. Sometimes, we seek to go underground with our faith in God to avoid being judged and attacked by the world. Daniel did neither, but continued to practice his faith publicly and not retaliate with his power. He did this in spite of his enemies laying a trap for him by getting the king to outlaw any prayer or worship to any God but the king.

III. We Need Daniel Integrity When Facing Mortality (Dan. 6:16-23)

- ***Daniel’s enemies used the “system” and _____ to destroy Daniel*** – In the fallen world with its corruption, established institutions and the law can be used to hurt you, defeat you, even destroy you. In a corrupt world, evil can become good, and good can become evil. Darkness can become light, and light can become darkness. (Isaiah 5:20) Truth can be labeled lies, and lies can be labeled the truth (John 8:44). Daniel’s enemies used the system and the

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