

WILL YOU STAND STRONG FOR GOD PUBLICLY?

Unshakable! Thriving No Matter What They Throw at You
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DANIEL'S 8th TEST: DANIEL 6:1-28 WHY DID DANIEL KEEP GETTING PROMOTED AT WORK?

1. HIS _____ MADE HIM STAND OUT
"Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom." Daniel 6:3 (NIV)
2. HIS _____ MADE HIM STAND OUT
"The administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent." Daniel 6:4 (NIV)
3. HIS _____ MADE HIM STAND OUT
"These men said, 'We won't find anything to accuse this man, Daniel, unless we find it in his religious practices.'" Daniel 6:5 (GW)

A CONSPIRACY TO TRAP DANIEL (vs.6-9) HOW DID DANIEL RESPOND TO THIS NEW TEST?

"But though Daniel knew about it, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs bedroom, with its windows open toward Jerusalem, and prayed three times a day, just as he always had, giving thanks to his God. Then the men thronged to Daniel's house and found him praying there, asking favors of his God."
Daniel 6:10-11 (TLB)

WHY WAS DANIEL UNAFRAID TO STAND OUT AND SPEAK UP FOR GOD AT WORK?

1. HE REMEMBERED _____
2. HE HAD _____
3. HE KNEW _____

6 WAYS I BENEFIT EVERY TIME I STAND FOR GOD

1. STANDING FOR GOD IS _____
 - FEAR IS JUST A FEELING & IT CANNOT _____
 - FEAR IS UNCOMFORTABLE, BUT IT WON'T _____
 - FEAR GROWS WHEN I GIVE INTO IT, BUT LESSENS WHEN I MOVE _____
Pray like the first Christians: "Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness." Acts 4:29 (NIV)
2. STANDING FOR GOD _____
"Never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord or be ashamed of me, his prisoner. Instead, by God's power, join me in suffering for the sake of the Good News." 2 Timothy 1:8 (GW)
3. IT GIVES GOD AN _____
"At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, 'Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?' Daniel answered, 'May the king live forever! My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.' The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God." Daniel 6:19-23 (NIV)
4. IT ENCOURAGES _____
Paul: "Because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear." Philippians 1:14 (NLT)
5. IT'S A POWERFUL _____
"The council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus." Acts 4:13 (NLT)
 - The King becomes a believer! Daniel 6:25-28
"He rescues and saves." Daniel 6:27 (NLT)
 - Then 18 generations later! Matthew 2:1-2
6. I WILL _____
Jesus: "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:11-12 (NIV)