Lessons From Daniel About Prayer

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INTRODUCTION

- Imagine if there was something that we could access at all times, any problem we may have, any focus that we may be struggling with.
- As Christians, we have a great privilege and blessing to come before the throne of our great God in heaven and to petition him for whatever our hearts desires.
- Daniel was faithful despite personal enemies, despite political legislation, despite facing the mouth of a lion overnight, he stayed faithful to God.

1 Make Prayer a Daily Habit

Daniel 6:10; Matthew 4:4; 2 Corinthians 3:4–6

- Daniel made prayer a daily habit. In fact, it was such a habit that it was known by those officials who were seeking to trap him.
- Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
- I can speak and approach the throne of God any time of day as a Christian, and yet I pass it by.
- If we're going to make good habits, we need to make it a priority to pray.
- Where's the power in prayer? Is it in saying the words, or is it into our great God to whom the words are spoken to? Power is in the Lord.
- We should talk to God about everything, including our problems.

2 Pray When the Document Had Been Signed

Daniel 6:10; Acts 5:29; 1 Timothy 2:1–4

- You know when it was that Daniel prayed? It was when Daniel knew that the document had been signed.
- Do we stop and pray? Or do we type out a complaint on social media?
- Not only was he not found complaining, but he prayed when it was against the law.
- We must obey God rather than men.
- I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.
- If we're unhappy with the way it's going, let us pray for them. Let us trust the God who is sovereign, who is in control of all the nations.

3 Gave Thanks Before His God

Daniel 6:10; Philippians 4:4–7; Philippians 2:14–15

- It's amazing that we can and we should give thanks to God for all things.
- Are we taking time out not just to complain, not just to lament, but to thank God for who he is, for creating us, for giving us what he has.

- Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. Let your request be made known to God.
- How is it that we have this peace that surpasses understanding? It is knowing that we rely on an omnipotent God.
- How are we going to make it? Only if we're connected to God.

4 As His Custom Was From the Early Days

Daniel 6:10; Daniel 6:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:17

- The New King James Version makes it clear it was as his custom was from the early days.
- Daniel in verse 3 was distinguished above all the other high officials because an excellent spirit was in him.
- Faith and prayer are not separate aspects of a journey.
- Perhaps that's why Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians chapter 5 and verse 17, pray without ceasing.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Is your life one marked by prayer? Is your life one marked by a recognition that without God we are stuck in our sins?**

MY NOTES