

THRIVING AT WORK

Thrive — Part 8

The Reasons Daniel Kept Getting Promoted at Work: *Daniel 6:1-28*

1. His professional **COMPETENCE**.

“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 personal **CHARACTER**.

“When the administrators heard the news, they tried to find a reason to undermine Daniel in his work and accuse him of misconduct, but they were unable to do so. They could not find anything to say against him! He was honest, reliable, hardworking, and incorruptible. He was never lazy or negligent in any task.” Daniel 6:4 (TLV/NCV)

3. His public **COMMITMENT**.

“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)

The Reasons Daniel Wasn’t Afraid to Live Out His Faith in God at Work:

1. He remembered that God was **FAITHFUL** in the past.
2. He had a **CONVERSATION** with God daily.
 - The secret of standing strong when life is hard: **KNEELING** often.
3. He knew the **REWARDS** were greater than any **RISK**.

The Benefits of Living Out Our Faith in God at Work:

1. It is a victory over **FEAR**.

KEY TRUTH #1: Fear is just a feeling and it cannot **LAST**.

KEY TRUTH #2: Fear is uncomfortable, but it won’t **KILL** me.

KEY TRUTH #3: Fear grows when I give into it, but lessens when I move **AGAINST** it.

“Lord, listen to their threats! We are your servants. So, make us brave enough to speak your message.” Acts 4:29 (CEV)

2. It builds my **FAITH** and **CHARACTER**.

“You must never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer if necessary to share the Good News.” 2 Timothy 1:8

3. It gives God an opportunity to do a **MIRACLE**.

“At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the pit filled with lions. When he got there, 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, ‘O king! My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions, and they have not hurt me at all, because God knew I’ve done nothing against him or you, O king!’ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the pit. And when Daniel was lifted out, there was not a single scratch on his body because he had trusted God.”

Daniel 6:19-23 (NIV)

4. It encourages other **CHRIST FOLLOWERS** to live out their faith.

“And because of my imprisonment, many of the Christians here seem to have lost their fear of chains! Somehow my patience has encouraged them, and they have become more and more bold in telling others about Christ.” Philippians 1:14 (TLB)

5. It’s a powerful **EXAMPLE** to those who don’t know Christ.

“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.” Acts 4:13 (NIV)

6. I will be **REWARDED** in eternity.

“If God will bless you when people insult you, mistreat you, and tell all kinds of evil lies about you because of me. Be happy and excited! You will have a great reward in heaven. People did these same things to the prophets who lived long ago.”

Matthew 5:11-12 (CEV)