



DANIEL 10 PART II

Cultivating Character

*4 So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; **but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.***

- Daniel 6:4 NKJV

Most Christians look forward to hearing ‘well done good and faithful servant,’ but there will be some that enter the gates of heaven without hearing a word of it. In chapter 10, Daniel is called a “man greatly beloved”. How do we aspire to ‘earn’ such a title? Our goal as believers in many ways is to hear “well done”, indicating that we were faithful servants of His Glory while on earth. Though Daniel stands apart from most biblical characters we study, this week we are digging into why he is so significant, and why God would use him to write such heavy and impactful prophecy. I believe the character of a person is one of the most important attributes we can cultivate as believers. It’s every part of who we are, and who Christ has made us to be. If one claims to be a follower of Christ, but exhibits no Christ-like behavior, can we assume he is saved? As the adage goes, “Watch your thoughts, they become your words; watch your words, they become your actions; watch your actions, they become your habits; watch your habits, they become your character”. Character, then, is a result of the inner workings of our thought lives. As we meditate on scripture, it stands to reason that we should be transforming our character through the renewing of our minds. Daniel is truly a man of Christ-like character, he was a man of the word, reading and studying scripture, he was a man of prayer and a man of integrity.

Over our study of Daniel thus far, what are some attributes of Daniel’s Character?

Discussion Questions

1. Daniel was a man of prayer and saw prayer answered regularly even if it wasn’t on his own timing. What are some reasons prayers seem to go unanswered?
2. It has been said, ‘A good thing can become a bad thing when it gets in the way of the BEST thing’. In your personal life, what are some things that distract you from your relationship with God?
3. Why is developing self-control through fasting vital to character development? What are some other ways we forge character? (Romans 5:3-5)
4. Fasting can become an ultimate test of self-control, (mind over matter) as it helps us align ourselves with God’s will rather than our own. How often do we pray for God’s will in our lives? Are you willing to do the hard work?
5. Why is Integrity vital to a believer? (1 Cor 9:24-27) Do you think God would have trusted Daniel with such a heavy prophecy if he wasn’t known to be a man of integrity? Would the writing have held any weight?