

Daniel's reputation speaks so loudly that he doesn't have too.

Is it possible for a person's reputation to be based more on perception than reality?

Do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and man. Proverbs 3:1-4

Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation. 1 Peter 2:12

A Godly reputation is revealed consistently over time.

It seemed good to Darius to appoint 120 satraps to be in charge of the whole kingdom, and over them three commissioners that these satraps might be accountable to them, and that the king might not suffer loss. Daniel 6:1-2

"You can't build your reputation on what you're going to do." Henry Ford

A Godly reputation cannot be maintained without the filling of the Holy Spirit.

Then this Daniel began distinguishing himself among the commissioners and satraps because he possessed an extraordinary spirit, and the king planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom. Daniel 6:3

A Godly reputation cannot be maintained with a naïve view of our enemy.

Then the commissioners and satraps began trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to government affairs; but they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him. Daniel 6:4

Then these men said, "We will not find any ground of accusation against Daniel unless we find it against him with regard to the law of his God. Daniel 6:5-6

All the commissioners of the kingdom, have consulted together that the king should establish a statute and enforce an injunction that anyone who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, for thirty days, shall be cast into the lions' den. Daniel 6:7

Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document so that it may not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked. So King Darius signed the document, that is, the injunction. Daniel 6:8-9

A Godly reputation cannot be maintained without a consistent prayer life.

Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house and his roof chamber which had windows toward Jerusalem and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously. Daniel 6:10

A Godly reputation cannot be maintained without times of testing.

Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God. Daniel 6:11

Then they approached the king, "Did you not sign an injunction that any man who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, is to be cast into the lions' den?" The king replied, "The statement is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked." Daniel 6:12

Then they answered and spoke before the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the injunction which you signed, but keeps making his petition three times a day." Daniel 6:13

People who seek to destroy the reputation of another will often look for the weaknesses in those closest to them.

Then, as soon as the king heard this statement, he was deeply distressed and set his mind on delivering Daniel; and even until sunset he kept exerting himself to rescue him. Daniel 6:14

Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, "Recognize, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or statute which the king establishes may be changed." Daniel 6:15

A Godly reputation is one that shuts the mouths of lions and liars.

Then the king gave orders, and Daniel was brought in and cast into the lions' den. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Your God whom you constantly serve will Himself deliver you." Daniel 6:16

A stone was brought and laid over the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet rings of his nobles, so that nothing would be changed in regard to Daniel. Daniel 6:17

Then the king went off to his palace and spent the night fasting, and no entertainment was brought before him; and his sleep fled from him. Then the king arose at dawn, at the break of day, and went in haste to the lions' den. Daniel 6:18-19

When he had come near the den to Daniel, he cried out with a troubled voice. The king spoke and said, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you constantly serve, been able to deliver you from the lions?" Daniel 6:20

Then Daniel spoke to the king, "O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime." Daniel 6:21-22

Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. Daniel 6:23

The king gave orders, and they brought the men who had maliciously accused Daniel, and they cast them, their children and their wives into the lions' den; and the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones. Daniel 6:24