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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" -Psalm 119:105



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Daniel's Influence

Daniel's life revealed the authenticity of his faith in God. He conducted himself so honorably in his high office that Darius *"planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom"* (Dan. 6:3).

The other governors and satraps, however, were jealous and began to plan a way of getting rid of Daniel. As hard as they tried, however, they could find nothing in his life to use against him. They said, *"We shall not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel unless we find it against him with regard to the law of his God"* (vs. 5). The Bible says that *"he was faithful; and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him"* (v.4).

What a record of faithfulness! He was loyal and diligent on the job— all the

while giving God first place. Daniel's life was so far above criticism that his enemies had to create a situation in which his commitment to God would come into conflict with his position.

Would we stand up under such close examination like this? Are we so faithful in our work that our fellow employees could *"find no charge or fault"* in us? It's commendable to talk about religious things and Christianity. Don't leave out the influence of a godly life and a job so faithfully performed that others could find no fault.

Like Daniel, our behavior should be blameless. Then we too will have a life that gives praise and glory to God.

— Shane Williams

Don't Get Caught!

What would you think of a coach who tells his players, "Don't cheat," "Don't play dirty," or "don't try to take the opponent out by hurting him"? Many coaches aren't like that. It's competition and about winning. They expect their players to do whatever they think they can get away with to win the game. The mindset is often about not getting caught.

The Bible tells us that Josiah *"did what was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of his father David and did not turn aside to the right or to the left"* (2 Chr. 34:2). No doubt, many people criticized him resentfully for tearing down their idolatrous places of worship, but that mattered little to Him.

II Chron 34:3-5, *"... he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images. 4 They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and the incense altars which were*

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above them he cut down; and the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images he broke in pieces, and made dust of them and scattered it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. 5 He also burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem."

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hope that is refreshing for you to consider a young man doing so much. Seeking the Lord at 16 and tearing down all this idolatry at 20 years of age, is quite an example for everyone!

There is one who watches us today and every day. Many around us may miss our cheating, dishonesty and other sins, but God will not miss it. Let us make it our aim to do what is right in the eyes of our God, who sees all. That's what matters most.

— Shane Williams

Embracing what you are Against

We must be very careful in our spiritual walks. We must be dedicated to putting the Lord first and relying upon His wisdom & strength. In doing so, we grow closer to Him and in our relationship. We must be careful to always realize our blessings, hope and victory comes from God through Jesus. If we aren't careful, we can begin to think more highly of ourselves than we ought.

Amaziah, King of Judah, was all set to go to battle against Edom. He had 300,000 of his own choice men. Also, he had hired 100,000 valiant warriors from Israel for 100 talents of silver. A man of God came to him before he went to war and told him that God had the power to help or to bring him down. Following the advice given, Amaziah gave the 100 talents of silver to the warriors of Israel and then sent them away. Amaziah relied upon God and the Lord gave him a great victory over Edom (2 Chr. 25:7-12).

Then Amaziah did an incredible thing: He brought the idols home from the conquered people and set them up as his gods! He bowed down before

them and burned incense to them (vs. 14). This, as you can imagine, led to his eventual downfall.

Amaziah is a powerful example in showing us that even in doing the right things, there is a danger of thinking

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too much of ourselves. There is a danger in thinking we can do many things our own way, since we've followed God in certain areas. If we aren't careful, one can end

up embracing the very evil he set out against!

Let you and I remember our place in following God to the fullest of our ability. Let us be humble in our own estimation and rely upon the Lord for guidance.

— Shane Williams

God's Plan for Saving Man

- ⇒ [Hear](#) the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ [Believe](#) the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ [Repent](#) of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ [Confess Faith](#) in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ [Be Baptized](#) in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; I Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ [Live Faithful](#) (Heb. 10:35-39)