

# WILL YOU STAND STRONG FOR GOD PUBLICLY? Unshakable! - Part 8

## WHAT MADE DANIEL STAND OUT?

1. His \_\_\_\_\_.

**Daniel 6:3** “Now Daniel so distinguished himself above all the other governors and administrators (satraps) by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to put Daniel in charge of the entire kingdom!”

2. His \_\_\_\_\_.

**Daniel 6:4** “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.”

3. His \_\_\_\_\_.

**Daniel 6:5** “His coworkers concluded ‘Our only chance of finding any grounds to get rid of Daniel will be to find something to accuse in his religious practices.’”

**Daniel 6:6-9** “The officials who wanted Daniel removed from office went to the king and they said, King Darius, live forever! We've convened everyone and we've all agreed that for the next thirty days everyone should pray to you. And we think that you should issue an edict saying that anyone who disobeys your order by praying to anyone else will be tossed into the pit where your lions are kept. And, let's put this decree in writing so it can't be altered or repealed according to the laws of the Medes and the Persians.’ That's exactly what King Darius did.”

**Daniel 6:10-11** “When Daniel learned that the new law had been signed, he went home and knelt down to pray as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows wide open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done his entire life, thanking and praising God. So Daniel's enemies went together to Daniel's house to catch him praying and asking for God's help.”

## WHY WAS DANIEL UNAFRAID TO STAND OUT AND SPEAK UP FOR GOD AT WORK?

1. He remembered that \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He had a conversation \_\_\_\_\_.
3. He knew the rewards \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 5:29 "We must obey God rather than men."

### 6 WAYS I BENEFIT EVERY TIME I STAND FOR GOD

1. Standing for God \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 4:29 "Lord, you know the threats people make. So help us as your servants to speak your Word without fear."

2. Standing for God \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Timothy 1:8 "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."

3. Standing for God \_\_\_\_\_.

Daniel 6:19-23 "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."

4. Standing for God \_\_\_\_\_.

**Philippians 1:14** Paul: "Because of what I've been through, many of the Christians here have gained confidence and become more bold in telling others about Christ." Your boldness will encourage other people to be bold. That's a benefit.

5. Standing for God \_\_\_\_\_.

**Acts 4:13** "When the Council saw the boldness of Peter and John, they were amazed, since they knew they were just ordinary men, but they had been with Jesus!"

**Daniel 6:25-28** "Then King Darius sent this proclamation to every nation, race, and language on earth: 'I decree that the God of Daniel is to be honored and worshiped in every part of my kingdom. For He is the living God and He's the One who endures forever; His kingdom will outlast all the human kingdoms. He is the God who rescues and saves! He does miracles just as He rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.' So Daniel continued to be successful during the reign of King Darius and then in the following reign of Cyrus the Persian."

**Matthew 2:1-2** "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem asking, 'Where is the one who's been born King of the Jews? We saw his star from the East and have come to worship Him.'"

6. Standing for God \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 5:11-12** Jesus: "Consider yourself blessed if people put you down or throw you out, or speak lies about you because of me. If that happens, be happy, knowing that you will be rewarded greatly in heaven! And remember you are in good company — they did the same to all my witnesses before you."