

**DARE TO BE A DANIEL**  
**Part 7: A Virtuous Life**  
**Daniel 6:1-16a**

Verse 3 “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.”

**Three Marks of a Virtuous Life:**

**1. Personal** \_\_\_\_\_

- Verse 4a, “At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find *no corruption in him...*”
- Those who opposed Daniel did everything they could to find grounds for accusing him. Yet, there was not one shred of evidence of corruption!
- How would you like to come under that kind of scrutiny? Is there anything you would need to burn, hide, delete, or destroy?
- Daniel did not fall into the trap of dividing his life into the secular and the sacred.

**2. Steadfast** \_\_\_\_\_

- Verse 4b, “...They could find no corruption in him, because he was *trustworthy* and neither corrupt nor negligent.”
- Whatever work Daniel was given to do, he did it faithfully.
- The word “trustworthy” means “faithful, loyal, and dependable.”
- Proverbs 20:6 (NASB) “Many a man proclaims his own loyalty, but who can find a trustworthy man?”

**3. Authentic** \_\_\_\_\_

- Verse 10b, “Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, *just as he had done before.*”
- Daniel was not the kind of person that only turned to prayer in times of panic.
- Don’t use the excuse that you don’t have “time” to pray.
- Daniel was a top government official and still made time to pray!
- “When you are faced with a busy day, save precious time by skipping your devotions. Signed, Satan.”

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