



“WORKING IN DYSFUNCTIONAL ENVIRONMENTS”

Series: “WORK MATTERS”, Part 4 of 4

Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Daniel 1:3-20, Daniel 6, Philippians 2:14-15, and other relevant passages

Big Idea: Representing Jesus and His Kingdom in the workplace is one of our greatest mission opportunities.

Philippians 2:14-16a, “Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life.”

Daniel 6:3, “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.”

Daniel 6:4, “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, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.”

Daniel 6:5, “Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”

Daniel 6:10, “Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.”

Daniel 6:14-16, “When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him. Then the men went as a group to the king and said to him, “Remember, O king, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed.” So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

Daniel 6:19, “At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den.”

Daniel 6:28, "So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian."

- I. God sometimes puts us in very difficult working environments. Accept it as your "mission field."**

John 17:15, "My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one."

- II. A faithful life will elicit both criticism and respect. Thank God in the midst of both.**

Matthew 10:16, "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves."

- III. The key to staying strong is healthy spiritual practices. Neglect them at your own peril.**

- IV. It's distinctly possible to have a saved soul and a wasted life. Make your life count.**