

Sunday Morning | September 24, 2017



THE TEST OF CONVICTION IN PUBLIC

DANIEL 6:10-11 (NLT)

I. THREE STEPS TO ADVANCEMENT

1. Proficiency, Proverbs 22:29

TRUTH: If you make wisdom the goal of your life, there's no end to where you can go by God's blessing (Daniel 6:3).

2. Integrity, Daniel 6:4

TRUTH: Daniel was a man of integrity. He was the same in front of you or out of your sight. He was honest if he was over you or under you.

3. Public biblical convictions

TRUTH: Daniel didn't hide his faith.

INSIGHT: Everyone knew where Daniel stood in his faith and his first allegiance.

II. THE VALUE OF PUBLIC CONVICTIONS, Daniel 6:5

Three options Daniel could have taken:

- A. He could have prayed in secret with the window closed.
- B. He could have not prayed for 30 days.
- C. He could have faked his prayer to the king.

QUESTION: Would you have gone public if you knew it could mean a trip to a lion's den?

INSIGHT: It's Daniel's public faith that saves the king's soul.

QUESTION: Is there anything in your public life to indicate you belong to God? Is your faith so private, only God knows for sure you're saved?

INVITATION: The pathway to more boldness with your faith:

1. Pray regularly.

INSIGHT: The secret of standing strong is kneeling often.

2. Miracles require risk!

TRUTH: You'll never see a miracle till you step out and risk a walk on the water!