

LESSON 12

DANIEL PRAYS THREE TIMES A DAY

Worksheets

- Bible Discovery Worksheet, Pages 1 and 2: What Others Thought of Daniel
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What others thought of Daniel

a. Daniel 6:3

_____ saw that Daniel was different from the rest because an _____ was in him.

b. Daniel 6:4

The _____ and _____ sought to find fault with Daniel, but they found none because he was _____.

c. Daniel 4:8-9

_____ described Daniel as one who had the _____ of the _____.

d. Daniel 5:10-12

King Belshazzar's wife described Daniel as a man who had the Spirit of the _____, _____, _____ and _____, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him.

e. Ezekiel 14:14

The prophet Ezekiel described Daniel as one of the three great _____, men along with Noah and Job.

f. Daniel 9:23; 10:11; 10:19

Daniel was a man _____ by God.

Teaching: How do we shine for the Lord Jesus?

Daniel's Unshakeable Faith

1. Write out Daniel 6:10. Highlight the important words that demonstrate Daniel's faith in God.

2. Write down some things that may rob us of our time with God.

3. Look up the following Bible verses to find out who compromised their faith.

_____ for 30 pieces of silver (Mat 26:14-16)

_____ for the love of this world (2 Tim 4:10)

_____ for two talents of silver and two garments (2 Kgs 5:20-24)

_____ and _____ for good name (Ac 4:36-5:4)

Daniel is Saved!

a. Compare what happened to Daniel with what happened to his enemies when they were thrown into the lions' den.

Daniel

Enemies

b. Why were the fates of Daniel and his enemies so different?

Fill in the blanks.

The _____ of the _____ will deliver them. (Prov 11:6a)

The _____ is _____ from trouble and it comes to the _____ instead. (Prov 11:8)

MEETING WITH GOD

Throughout his life, Daniel prayed earnestly three times a day. Even when he was over eighty years old, he continued to fast and pray (Dan 9:1-4). This daily spiritual cultivation enabled Daniel to be close to God and understand the things of God. Furthermore, Daniel did not allow any obstacle or difficulty to take his time away from his daily prayers. Daniel never gave himself any excuse, even though he was a busy prime minister of the Medes and Persian Empire. Even in the face of death, Daniel prayed and gave thanks to God as he had done all his life.

Read the story below to learn how, like Daniel, these men met with God each day.

In 1882, there were two students called Hooper and Thornton who attended Cambridge University in England, UK. Every day was filled with studying, going to class, and practicing sports. Hooper and Thornton loved their life as students. However, they discovered that although they enjoyed a very satisfying life, something was missing in their spiritual lives. They knew that if they did not fix it, it would bring problems later on. They sought an answer and came up with an idea called the morning watch—a plan to spend the first minutes of each new day alone with God, praying and reading the Bible. After some time, they knew that the morning watch was exactly what they needed. They realized that if they wanted to know God, it was necessary to spend time every day with Him. Their idea began to spread to other students who wanted to meet with God. But these men found that getting out of bed in time for the morning watch was very difficult. Still, Thornton was determined to change his laziness. He invented an automatic contraption and set it up by his bed: when the alarm clock went off, the vibration of the alarm clock would set his fishing tackle in motion, and the sheets that were clipped to the line would then lift off his body and wake him up. Thornton wanted to get up to meet his God!



These men continued to meet with God every morning. After they graduated from college, this group of very educated and wealthy men decided to give up their personal dreams and everything they had to live for Jesus. They decided to go out to China to preach the gospel. What made them change? They met with God each morning.

Read the following scenario, and then go to the area of the room with the same obstacle listed. Then, discuss with your group the question that follows the scenario.

1. Too Tired!

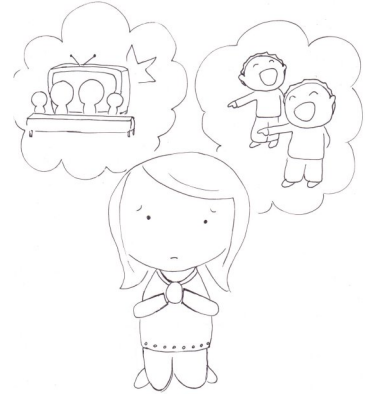
The alarm went off. Kevin reached for the clock and pressed the snooze button. He turned over and slept some more. When Mom came into the room twenty minutes later, Kevin was still in bed. She lifted the covers, gave Kevin a good shake, and then shouted, "Five minutes! You better be ready in five minutes or else you're walking to school yourself." Kevin jumped out of bed, changed his clothes, grabbed his lunch and backpack, and rushed out the door. It was like this every morning.



What should Kevin do to give himself more time with God?

2. Too Scared!

Last week during R.E. class, Lucy's teacher spoke about the importance of setting aside a time each day to be with God. She challenged each of them to try it for a week. Lucy wondered how she was going to do this as her family barely prayed at all. She felt a bit embarrassed about doing something no one else in her family did. She also worried that her brothers would laugh at her when they found her praying.



What should Lucy do to give herself more time with God?



3. But I'm Watching a Movie!

Bill is sitting at home watching one of the latest movies that has just been released. This is what he enjoys most besides playing computer games. Bill spends about three to four hours a few times a week doing this. By the time the movie is over, it is late and he goes straight to bed. Sometimes he does remember to sneak in a prayer, but it ends too quickly. Bill cares more about watching movies and playing games than about speaking to God.

What should Bill do to give himself more time with God?

4. Busy as a Bee!

Sally arrived home from school famished. She quickly ate the snack Mom had prepared before running through her pieces one more time before her violin lessons. An important violin competition was coming up soon, and her teacher told her she had to be ready. By the time the lesson was over, it was dinnertime. Sally helped Mom with setting the dinner table and cleaning up afterwards. Then it was homework time. At 8:30 pm, Dad called the family together for their daily Bible reading and prayer before the end of the day. "Oh, not tonight!" Sally moaned. "I have too much homework!"



What should Sally do to give herself more time with God?

