

# Your Commitment Is a Witness

## Daniel 6:1-28

### **Daniel 6:1-5 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup>“It seemed good to Darius to appoint 120 satraps over the kingdom, that they would be in charge of the whole kingdom,

<sup>2</sup>and over them three commissioners (of whom Daniel was one), that these satraps might be accountable to them, and that the king might not suffer loss.

<sup>3</sup>Then this Daniel began distinguishing himself among the commissioners and satraps because he possessed an extraordinary spirit, and the king planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom.

<sup>4</sup>Then the commissioners and satraps began trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to government affairs; but they could find no ground of accusation or *evidence of corruption*, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was *to be found* in him.

<sup>5</sup>Then these men said, “We will not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel unless we find *it* against him with regard to the law of his God.”

Daniel had been faithfully living out his commitment to the Lord from the time he was a teenager. His witness of integrity and godliness was earned over a lifetime, during which he'd been challenged frequently to compromise his faith.

Today's passage shows him facing a desperately dangerous situation: the lions' den. Although we usually focus on Daniel and the beasts, an unexpected aspect of this story is the reaction of the king.

Though he'd foolishly signed the law that created Daniel's treacherous predicament, Darius was so impressed with him that he tried to rescue him. When the ruler's efforts failed, he made a surprising statement of trust in the Lord: **“Your God whom you constantly serve will Himself deliver you”** ([Daniel 6:16 NASB](#)). Now, that's a witness!

Does your unwavering devotion to Christ lead others to trust your Savior? Too many Christians have a commitment of convenience. They'll stay faithful as long as it's safe and doesn't involve risk, rejection, or criticism. Instead of standing alone in the face of challenge or temptation, they check to see which way their friends are going. What kind of witness is that? Who will want to follow our God if we ourselves won't follow Him? Our response can draw others to Jesus or push them away.

If you desire to be like Daniel, practice your commitment to Christ both privately and publicly. The time you spend alone with God will transform your character and increase your devotion. Then your integrity and godly behavior in an unbelieving world will make others long to know the Lord.