

Retirement Conference: Lessons from Daniel

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I. Introduction.

A. Daniel is an encouragement for many reasons.

B. We encounter Daniel later in life.

II. Daniel purposed in his heart when he was young to stay pure. (Daniel 1)

A. This does not happen very often unless parents and grandparents have set the pace.

B. We have a tremendous ministry to those who are younger.

III. Daniel learned what it meant to pray, and he was greatly exalted because of it. (Daniel 2:17)

A. God is in control of the kingdoms.

B. There are times when we cannot be there, but God in His wisdom and sovereignty has made it so. We do not have to worry if we have laid a foundation through prayer.

IV. Daniel was loyal to God. We have to speak the truth. (Daniel 4:24)

A. Being consistent is a desperate need in our churches today.

B. Many people in the church are turning away.

C. Evangelism is proclamation, performance and presence.

D. Daniel gave thanks.

1. When we say thanks, we acknowledge God's love, wisdom and power.

2. The alternative is bitterness.

V. Conclusion. Daniel stayed in the race until the end.

Application questions:

1. Personally, which lesson of Daniel did you find most valuable?

2. How can you maximize your prayer life? Explain

3. What can you give thanks for today? Spend some time in prayer and thanksgiving.
