

An illustration of an elderly man with a long white beard and a yellow turban, wearing a purple robe. He is standing in front of a stone wall with a small window, with his hands raised in prayer. The background shows a stone wall and some green foliage in the upper right corner.

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Overview of Daniel

he was balanced in

four areas

Daniel 1:8 is a key verse;

"Daniel purposed in his heart"

He was not intimidated or changed by
difficult circumstances

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His relationship with God spilled out on
people around him

He was given a key political position

He was involved in his culture

Like Jesus, Daniel was balanced in his
worship and work

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There are other notable people who lived their
life this way

John Wesley, an evangelist who took up social
causes

William Wilberforce, an English politician

Mission is the human responsibility to the divine
commission

Daniel was both salt and light---leading people
out of spiritual darkness

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Daniel Stood Alone but He Walked with
Others

Impressed that Daniel was never afraid to
stand alone---to stand up for his
convictions

He wasn't an island, he stood with his
friends

Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah

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We need fellowship, koinónia

Fellowship is stimulating spiritual growth
in one another

Old Jewish proverb,

"A friendless man is like a left hand
bereft of the right hand"

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Albert Speer was Adolph Hitler's closest associate, he said that Hitler had no friends.

Daniel Saw into the Future But Lived in the Present

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To Daniel everything is in the future---yet to
come

He was similar to John in the New Testament,
they both had apocalyptic visions

King Nebuchadnezzar saw the vision first, then
Daniel saw the vision; but as four beast

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Daniel saw it from God's viewpoint

Man looks at the outward appearance, God
looks at the heart (see 1 Samuel 16)

Daniel lived responsibly in the present

Benefits From Knowing Prophecy

It will make you confident in God---He knows
the future

He knows all about you, the very hairs on your
head are numbered (see Matthew 10:30)

It will help clean up your life---change the way
you live; "What manner of persons ought you to
be?" (see 2 Peter 3:11)

Benefits From Knowing Prophecy

It will comfort you in your sorrow

It will motivate you to serve the Lord (see
Matthew 25:23)

Studying the future gives you a solid foundation
to live in the present

Daniel Aged Gracefully, but He Influenced
Mightily

Applying Today's Message

As Christians, we should know who we are,
what we are about, and our lives should be lived
in balance

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Daniel had a purpose statement

"He pursued the God who is passionately pursuing a lost world"

Upreach--- He had a dynamic vibrant, personal worship and un-compromised obedience

Inreach--- "He explain the relevance of Scriptures to daily living"; he got involved personally

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Outreach---"He extend the love of God to a hurting world"

Daniel was all about upreach, inreach, and outreach

Take the challenge to lead a balanced life

