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## Character and Integrity

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus,

I was recently reading Daniel Chapter 6 and I noticed something very powerful.

### **Daniel 6:1-4**

*1 It pleased [King] Darius [successor to Belshazzar] to set over the kingdom 120 satraps who should be [in charge] throughout all the kingdom,*

*2 And over them three presidents—of whom Daniel was one—that these satraps might give account to them and that the king should have no loss or damage.*

*3 Then this Daniel was distinguished above the presidents and the satraps because an excellent spirit was in him, and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.*

*4 Then the presidents and satraps sought to find occasion [to bring accusation] against Daniel concerning the kingdom, but they could find no occasion or fault, for he was faithful, nor was there any error or fault found in him.*

Daniel was set before everyone else because he had character and integrity. He was

honest and true, he stood up for what was right, and when he said something, you could count on it.

There are a lot of people who claim to be “Gods Children” but have no integrity about them whatsoever. No Character!! God wants us to put on His character and have integrity in our lives. In most cases the **world** treats people better than the **church** does. Men and women of God treating waitresses terrible and then leaving a christian track for a tip!! I have talked with many waitresses and they tell me that they nearly hate to see most church groups come into the restaurant. We should be treating the people around us with love and patience and be kind to one another. Have integrity!!

Here is the definition of the word **integrity**

*“The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness.”*

Being like Christ is a great example of the word. Jesus had the utmost integrity. he would always treat people with respect and love. When others were chaining up the man at the tombs, Jesus went to him and delivered him and treated him like a human being. (Mark 5)

Its amazing to me today that we have pastors and evangelists and others in ministry treating people poorly. Shouldn't we, as the representatives of Christ, be the standard setters? I have many friends in ministry and I can't tell all of the stories I have heard of the lack of integrity from other ministers. Evangelists telling pastors they would be at their church but then have a better opportunity present itself and not even show up for the already scheduled event!! Pastors promising offerings being sent in the mail and deliberately not sending them for one reason or another.

Shame on us!! Where is the Character? The character of Christ!! We are the examples to the world. If we are not showing the characteristics of the one we serve, are we not hypocrites?

Your intentions may be good, but don't make promises you can't keep. Be honest and upfront with people and you will see divine favor in your life. Daniel was at the head of the pack because he was honest and true and there was no fault in him. They looked for fault but couldn't find any. I wonder if the world looks for fault in us how much would they find? My prayer today is this.

**God make us more like you. Less of me and more of You.**

**Help us to have Character and integrity.**

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