

## Missionary Minded

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**Romans 10:15**, *“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!”*

**Isaiah 52:7**, *“How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation, and says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”*

**1 Corinthians 9:22**, *“I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some.”*

In the life of Daniel, we find three principles behind his success in evangelism:

#### **1. Daniel lived a holy life before the Lord**

**Daniel 1:9**, *“God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials.”*

**Daniel 6:3-5**, *“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 6:6-9**, *“Then these commissioners and satraps came by agreement to the king and spoke to him as follows: “King Darius, live forever! <sup>7</sup> All the commissioners of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the high officials and the governors have consulted together that the king should establish a statute and enforce an injunction that anyone who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, shall be cast into the lions’ den. <sup>8</sup> Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document so that it may not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked.” <sup>9</sup> Therefore King Darius signed the document, that is, the injunction.”*

## **2. Daniel trusted God's involvement in the process**

**Daniel 6:20-24**, *“Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you constantly serve, been able to deliver you from the lions?”* <sup>21</sup> Then Daniel spoke to the king, *“O king, live forever!* <sup>22</sup> *My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime.”* <sup>23</sup> Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. *So Daniel was taken up out of the den and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.* <sup>24</sup> *The king then gave orders, and they brought those men who had maliciously accused Daniel, and they cast them, their children and their wives into the lions' den; and they had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.”*

## **3. Daniel pointed towards God not himself**

**Daniel 2:27-29**, *“Daniel answered before the king and said, “As for the mystery about which the king has inquired, neither wise men, conjurers, magicians nor diviners are able to declare it to the king.”* <sup>28</sup> *However, there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the latter days. This was your dream and the visions in your mind while on your bed.* <sup>29</sup> *As for you, O king, while on your bed your thoughts turned to what would take place in the future; and He who reveals mysteries has made known to you what will take place.”*

**Daniel 2:47**, *“The king answered Daniel and said, “Surely your God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, since you have been able to reveal this mystery.”*

**Daniel 6:25-26**, *“Then Darius the king wrote to all the peoples, nations and men of every language who were living in all the land: “May your peace abound! <sup>26</sup> I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel; For He is the living God and enduring forever, And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed, And His dominion will be forever.”*