

Character Development for the Daniel Story (Part 1)

Read Daniel 1-6 and observe the development of Daniel and the other characters by paying attention to their actions and how they interact with each other. Answer the questions below, paying attention to what the characters are doing and not necessarily to why they are doing it. **Be very specific and concise in your answers.** Your grade is dependent on how specific and concise you are and the examples and support you give for your answers (you are not to use other sources). Do not quote the Scriptures unless it is something they said unless it is necessary to make your point. Number your paper and answer the questions in complete sentences (Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1-inch margins, single-spaced). **You will be graded based on your ability to discuss Daniel's life in all of the chapters for each question.**

Observation of Character

1. What is the meaning of Daniel's name (look it up)? What is the meaning of the other name given to him? What has been going on in the land up until this point? What is the culture like?
2. What is his job or training in the story? Are there any skills or talents that he has?
3. What weaknesses do you see in Daniel's character (must have at least three)? Support and give examples (are there any key phrases or events that describe him and how he treats people).
4. What strengths do you see in Daniel's character (must have at least three)? Support and give examples (are there any key phrases or events that describe him and how he treats people).
5. What do you observe about Daniel's understanding of and obedience to God? What do you observe about his response to difficulties? Give examples (be sure to discuss all the times God speaks to him).
6. What do you learn about Nebuchadnezzar's character both good and bad (give examples)? Are his professions of faith genuine or false throughout the story (support your answer)?
7. What are Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego characters like (give examples)? How do they interact and treat Nebuchadnezzar?
8. What attributes or character traits of God are revealed in this story (must have at least three)? Give examples (be sure to discuss all the times God speaks to Daniel).