

Character Evaluation of the Daniel Story (Part 3)

You are now reading Daniel 1-6 in order to evaluate the actions of Daniel. Why does he do what he does and how does that contribute to the kind of person he is or is becoming? Answer the questions below, and **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 Do not quote the Scriptures unless it is something they said and is necessary to make your point. Number your paper and answer the questions in complete sentences (Times New Romans, 12 pt, 1-inch margins, single-spaced).

Interpretation of Character

1. What significance does Daniel's name have after looking at his life (be sure to discuss his name change as well)?
2. What contributed to Daniel's strengths from your observations (pay attention to key events and people that contributed to this)? Give examples.
3. How did he affect the people in his life (influence them or change them for the better or worse)? Support and give examples.
4. What growth or maturity do you see in his life (consider his relationship with God as well as others)? Explain and give examples.
5. What was his concept of God and how does he relate to Him? Was God honored through his life and in what way (be sure to include his actions in 8:4-9)? Support and give examples.
6. Why do you think that God revealed so much of the future to Nebuchadnezzar in chapter 2?
7. Considering what Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego said in 3:17-18 why do you think that God rescued them? How did God use the trials in his life? What purpose did he have in carrying out God's plan?
8. What kind of influence did Daniel have on each of the kings throughout the story?

Application of Character

1. Why did God include this story? What are the main lessons being taught through Daniel's story?
2. Are there any character traits of Daniel that you see you should have or avoid in your own life?
3. What do you learn about God from His actions or lack of actions?
4. What aspects of the story do you relate to? How would you feel if you were Daniel? How would you respond if you were in his situation?