

**TOPIC: THE LIFE OF DANIEL**  
**THEME: LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF DANIEL PART 1**  
**TEXT: EZEKIEL 14:14; DANIEL 1:2 - 8**

## **Introduction**

We will be embarking on a character study of the Life of Daniel. His name means 'judgment of God' or 'God my judge.' He was born into Judah's royal family.

It was during King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon's first of three attacks against Jerusalem that he and his three friends; Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (their Chaldean or Babylonian names were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego) become captives. They were transported to Babylon while still children.

Daniel has a lot of positive character qualities which are worth emulating as Christians. He lived in exile outside his home country but maintain all the spiritual qualities he acquired as a young man-especially those touching on his spiritual life and his relationship with God.

These are things we can learn today as a Christians in the midst of the spiritual chaos and confusion we see around us. Let us look at some of these positive character qualities.

## **CHARACTER QUALITIES OF DANIEL**

### **I. DANIEL LIVED AS A MAN WHOSE CHARACTER WAS REFINED?**

- 1.** He lived as a man of constant integrity under the different kings he served (Daniel 6:4)
- 2.** He lived as a man of temperance (measured or moderate) and self-control (Daniel 1:8; 10:3)
- 3.** He maintained a life of humility in spite of the many great things God did with him under the different kings he served. (Daniel 10:17)

**Q: What are the other essential traits of a refined character?**

## II. DANIEL LIVED AS A MAN WHOSE CHARACTER WAS RADIANT

1. He had great prophetic insight which placed him on top of his peers. (He could predict the coming Antichrist several centuries ahead.  
(Daniel 8:23-26; 11:36-45 compare with Revelations 13:1-10).
2. He possessed great revelatory gifts which he used to the glory of God.  
(Daniel 5:10-12, 16)
3. He had a ministry as a man of powerful spiritual vision.(Daniel 7:9-12; 10:2-20)
4. He had a disciplined prayer life which was responsible for his spiritual successes as well as his numerous revelations and prophetic abilities.  
Daniel 2:17-18; 6:10-11; 6:16; 9:3-19, 2:20-23)

**Q: In what way can we emulate the radiant character in Daniel's life?**

## CONCLUSION

Daniel is a shining example of what the life of a faithful Christian should be. Though he was far removed from the godly environment as a Jew to stay and work with Gentiles who neither understood the holiness of God nor His commandments, he never forgot his sound spiritual heritage.

Any wonder that God used him so mightily under these mighty kings?