

CrossWalk **notes**

Escape

Escape from Chasing Status and Worldly Success.

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Do you have a happy place?

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” **Matthew 11:28-30, NIV**

Jesus wants me to _____ in him and his promises.

My rest is spiritual, physical, emotional, and rational.

⁶ It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, ² with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. ³ Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the **king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.** ⁴ At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because **he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.** ⁵ Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.” **Daniel 6:1-5, NIV**

Daniel’s _____ set him apart as he gained and applied **knowledge**, and used **discernment**.

⁷ The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions’ den. ⁸ Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—**Daniel 6:7-8^a, NIV**

In _____, Daniel did not have a level playing field.

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹² So they went to the king . . . ¹⁴ When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him. . . ¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!” **Daniel 6:10-12,14,16, NIV**

Daniel displayed _____ as he faced complex issues.

²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?” ²¹ Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.” ²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ²⁴ At the king’s command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions’ den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones. **Daniel 6:20-24, NIV**

Daniel’s _____ gave him an eternal perspective to act boldly no matter what the possible outcome.

MEMORY VERSE

He got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. **Daniel 6:10b, NIV**

My next step: I will keep the challenges of my life in proper perspective and show humility, wisdom and hope in the issues I face today.

What’s your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.