



The Daniel Dilemma

The Priority of Love

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... The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. **Galatians 5:6 NIV**

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." **John 13:34-35 NIV**

1. Without love...

- What I say is ineffective
- What I know is insignificant
- What I believe is insufficient
- What I give is incomplete
- What I accomplish is inadequate

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. **1 Corinthians 13:1-3 NIV**

2. Living a life of love...

- Serve and work well
- Set an example
- Share God with them

¹ 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**

3. How I act is more important than what I say

Next Steps:

- Focus on love in action this week: _____
- Focus on showing active love this week to _____
- Change my actions towards _____ so that I am making love a priority
- Read Daniel 6 (Lion's Den) this week [alternative: Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7]
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