

Daniel 6:1-9 – Faithfulness.

Daniel was one of three leaders directly under Darius; he had **an excellent spirit**; very exceeding or surpassing lifestyle.

Imagine looking as hard as you could at an employee who has served in a position for some 50 years and finding *nothing wrong*. No fraud. No questionable business deals. No accusations from his colleagues or subordinates.

Micah 7:2 - *The faithful man has perished from the earth, and there is no one upright among men. They all lie in wait for blood; every man hunts his brother with a net.*

Not only was Daniel excellent in his lifestyle, but a **faithful** in conduct.

This isn't to imply that Daniel was actually sinless, but that he was a man of great integrity. These men knew Daniel well. They knew he could not be trapped into evil, but they also knew that he would be faithful to **his God** in all circumstances. Do others know the same about us?

Faithfulness is being reliable or trustworthy or loyal or devoted. *Faithfulness is the concept of unflinchingly remaining loyal to someone or something and putting that loyalty into consistent practice, regardless of extenuating circumstances.*

Faithfulness is required in our relationship to God and one another; in friendship, in marriage, in business, in work...

Unfaithfulness on the contrary is compared to a bad tooth or a foot out of joint. **Proverbs 25:19** - *Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.*

Psalms 12:1 - *Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.*

Proverbs 20:6 - *Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, but who can find a faithful man?*

And then I noticed some...of them for 40, 50 and even 60 years. Men and women whose teaching, writing and radio and television programs have touched my life from the time I was a little girl. The years have caught up with many of them, as evidenced by their halting footsteps as they walked the long hallways of the convention area and expo.

It hurt me to see how feeble some have become. One lady was there who'd recently buried her husband of 60+ years. Others had visible health issues. Some used a cane or a motorized scooter. But what I loved was that they were still there, and still faithfully serving God.

I want to be like them someday—a woman who has faithfully served God, who didn't give up when the hardships of life arrived, who kept on keeping on for the tasks which God's given me to do.

Matthew 25:21 - *“His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’*

1 Corinthians 4:2 - *Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.*