

How to Succeed When Others Fail

Daniel 6

Series: Generation Next - Part 6

Introduction

“Many start well, but few finish well.”

- ◆ Finishing Well Is Rare

- ◆ Finishing Well Is A Legitimate Concern

- ◆ Finishing Well Is Possible

- ◆ **Question:** “Will You ‘Finish Well’?”

Daniel, Chapter 6 A Testimony Of One Who Finished Well

◆ The Historical Setting - 538 BC

- Cyrus Rules Persian Worldwide Empire
- Darius Appointed Ruler Of Babylon
- Daniel (80–82) Promoted By Darius
- First Jews Return To Jerusalem – Ezra 1:1-4

◆ The Content of Chapter 6

- I. Daniel **Chosen** By Darius - v. 1 - 3
- II. Daniel **Framed** By His Enemies - v. 4 - 9
- III. Daniel **Caught** By His Enemies - v. 10 - 15
- IV. Daniel **Cast** To The Lions - v. 16 - 18
- V. Daniel **Delivered** From Lions - v. 19 - 24
- VI. Daniel's God **Glorified** - v. 25 – 28

LIFE LESSONS FROM DANIEL 6

4 Keys To Finishing Well

- 1. We never retire from God's calling on our lives.** - 2 Tim. 4:6-8
 - Daniel's example to follow
 - Myths we must refuse to follow
- 2. Our private worship is the "secret" to our public impact.** - Mark 1:35
- 3. We never see the power of God's faithfulness until we exercise faith.** - Hebrews 11:6
- 4. Seniors will play a major role in God preparing His children for the next millennium.** - Proverbs 17:6

Application/Discussion Questions

1. What people and factors in your life are moving you toward "finishing well?"
2. What people and factors in your life are barriers and/or hindrances to you "finishing well?"
3. Which of the "4 Keys to Finishing Well" are most applicable in your life right now? Why?
4. What "den" of negative circumstances are keeping you from taking the radical steps of faith God is calling you to? Discuss key #3 as it relates to your life right now.
5. How does knowing that God has been faithful to others help you trust Him in what you're facing today?
6. Are you taking full advantage of what seniors offer in the Body of Christ? If a senior, are you making yourself and your resources available to God and His purposes for His church?