

Dying for Devotions



Week Six

inTro



Read This Week's Passage:
Daniel 6

HIGHEST PRIORITY

Devotional time can often be missed and rushed through in the busyness of life. In the rush of day-to-day crammed schedules and classes, devotional life can seem less important. The pull of getting things done, the pressure of deadlines, and the heaviness of life's demands can make Bible study, prayer life, and spiritual disciplines wane. The commitment to devotions can even disappear in times of crisis or stress. If we are not aware, devotions can easily go to the backburner of our priority list.

Daniel chapter 6 presents a radical commitment to devotions exemplified by Daniel well into his career as a senior citizen. Not only was the elder statesman known for his wisdom, prophetic understanding, faithfulness, and integrity, but he had a devoutness that characterized him throughout his years. Daniel so valued his devotional life that he thought it was worth dying for. Are you dying to get busy or too busy to die? Discover Daniel's liberation in this week's study of chapter 6.



inScribe

Write out Daniel 5 from the translation of your choice. If you're pressed for time, write out Daniel 6:6–10. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, outline, or mind map the chapter.



Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you



Draw **Arrows** to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?



Memorize your favorite verse in Daniel 6. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

How do you balance devotional life, personal worship, and Sabbath School study all together?

What have you seen to be the tangible benefits of having a consistent and profound devotional life?



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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks overall seem to point to?



What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

Which area of prayer is needed more in your relationship with God?



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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

2 Chronicles 6:36–40

Psalm 55:17

Mark 1:35

Psalm 5:3

Psalm 88:13

Psalm 119:147

Isaiah 50:4



What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with Daniel 6?

Review your memorized verse from Daniel 6.



Where do you see Jesus in
Daniel 6?



What is He saying to you through
these texts?

How do you see Jesus differently
or see Him again?

Prayer: How do you respond to
seeing Jesus in this way?



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Review the memory verse.
How does it apply to your
life this week?



After this week's study
of the chapter, what are
personal applications you are
convinced of in your life?

What are practical applications
you must make in your time
management?



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Share insights from this week's memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.



How is your personal devotional life - really?

When have you had times that your devotions have been consistent? Inconsistent? In a rut?

When have you had times when you've had amazing devotions? What made the difference?

Why do you think it is hard to have a consistent devotional life?

What are some of the greatest hindrances to personal devotions?

Given that we are not saved by works, why is it a temptation to think doing devotions is a part of our salvific work?

What role do devotions play in the Christian life?

What are some practical things you can share that have helped you in your devotional life?