

STAND FIRM

Again and again the Bible tells us to STAND FIRM! “**Stand firm and see the deliverance of the Lord**” and “**Stand firm to the end**” are often repeated in the Scriptures. Daniel chapter 6 is a GREAT lesson on STANDING FIRM to the end! It’s the account of... **DANIEL in the LION’S DEN!**

The record of Daniel's life tells us how to live for God in a hostile environment. His example shows us **it can be done... but not without discomfort**. If you STAND FIRM and don't compromise your faith, you are sure to come into trouble sooner or later.

You can tell a lot about a person by the quality of his _____!
(1 Peter 5:8).

I. The Plot (6:4-5)

A. Daniel's One "Flaw!"

He was absolutely _____ in his daily _____.

B. A 30-day _____.

Daniel was a victim of his own _____. (6:10)

C. Daniel's Three "Did Nots:"

1. He did not try to escape the _____ of his decision to obey God.
2. He did not _____ what would happen.
3. He did not make a _____ with God to save himself.

When all is said and done: **It is better to be a child of faith in a lion's den than to be a king without God in a palace.**

II. The end of the story comes quickly. (6:24-27)

First, Daniel's _____ thrown to the lions along with their wives and children.

Then, Darius offers _____ praise to “the God of Daniel.”

III. Five lessons for modern-day Daniels trying to STAND FIRM while facing the lions every day.

1. **It is possible to STAND FIRM in the midst of a thoroughly _____ world.**
2. **Christians who STAND FIRM should expect _____.**
3. **When we are faithful and STAND FIRM... God can use us to touch the most _____ people.**
4. **STAND FIRM... God is able to deliver His people from any _____ they face.**
5. **STAND FIRM... God always delivers in His own _____ and in His own _____.**

In the end we must confess... it is a good thing that God has veto power over our plans and prayers. (Daniel 4:7)

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What I Will Do With This Message: _____

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