

Christlike Love Stands for the Truth

Defining Real, Christlike Love: Part 4

Daniel 6:10-24

It has been said that the greatest gift we can give people is a godly testimony. It is certainly true that the best way to demonstrate to others that the truth of Scripture is effective in changing a person's life is to be a living testimony of that truth. Our lives have the ability to communicate to others just how important or unimportant these truths are in living a godly life. And, as we'll see today in the life of Daniel, choosing to stand for that truth no matter the circumstances is one of the greatest ways we can show Christlike love to those around us...

1. Read verses 3-9 detailing the plot against Daniel. By all accounts, Daniel was being placed into an unfair situation. Now read Daniel's response in verse 10. How did Daniel show Christlike through what he showed to be most important to him?
2. Part of Christlike love is being willing to set the example. How did Daniel give us a great, godly example by how he chose to respond to circumstances that were (quite literally) rigged against him? What does this teach us about how we ought to respond when it feels like life isn't fair?

3. Read Daniel's response to the king in verses 21-22. How does Daniel show his character through the way he responds to the king, even after being unjustly punished?
4. Read back through our story, but this time think about something different. As Daniel endures accusations and punishments, over the course of the story, what things do you notice that Daniel DOESN'T do? How was Daniel showing Christlike love through his character and (in this case) restraint in certain areas?