

Faith At Work: When Faith Goes to Work

Scripture used: [Daniel 6:1–3](#); [Psalms 24:1](#); [Colossians 3:23; 3:17](#); [John 13:34–35](#)

OVERVIEW

In Book of Daniel 6, we find Daniel at work — serving in government under a pagan king — yet distinguished by an “excellent spirit.” Daniel did not separate sacred from secular; he understood that every space belongs to God.

Psalm 24:1 reminds us, “The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof.” From the beginning, work was part of God’s design. In [Genesis 2:15](#), God placed Adam in the garden to work it. The Hebrew word *abad* means both to work and to worship — showing us that work has always been an expression of worship.

Faith was never meant to stay inside church walls. It is meant to work:

- In us — shaping our character
- Between us — shaping our relationships
- Through us — shaping our influence in the world

So the question becomes:

What does your faith look like when it goes to work?

KEY POINTS

1. You Are on Assignment

Daniel didn’t randomly land in his position. Despite the circumstances, God positioned him there. You are not at your job by accident — you are on assignment.

Ask yourself:

- Who am I really working for?
- Why am I working?

Colossians 3:23 reminds us to work as unto the Lord. When we understand our assignment, our motivation changes.

2. Execute Your Assignment with Excellence

Daniel distinguished himself because of his spirit. Excellence reflects the *Imago Dei* — the image of God in us. God was the first worker. When we perform with integrity and diligence, we reflect Him.

Excellence means:

- Giving your best effort
- Owning mistakes
- Growing when corrected

- Working with humility

We are people of grace, not legalism:

1. If I mess up, I speak up.
2. I ask how to correct it.
3. I learn from it.

3. Let Your Faith Be Lived Before It Is Spoken

Faith is most influential when it is consistent. It's better for people to ask about your faith because they see something different — and then you tell them.

When you live with excellence:

- Influence grows
- You can withstand scrutiny ([Daniel 6:4](#))
- Your unspoken faith becomes unavoidable and attractive
- Colossians 3:17 reminds us that whatever we do — in word or deed — we do it in the name of the Lord.

4. Operate in Love

Jesus said in John 13:34–35 that the world would know we belong to Him by our love. Daniel operated with integrity and love — even under pressure. People may not remember every word you say, but they will remember your spirit.

DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** - When people describe you, what do you think is the first thing they would say? How would they describe your spirit — encouraging, peaceful, critical, insecure, excellent, loving? Is the spirit you display at work the same spirit you display at church or at home? Why or why not?
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** - Read [Genesis 2:15](#) and [Colossians 3:23](#). If work existed before sin entered the world, what does that reveal about God's original design and purpose for our work today? How does understanding that work can be an act of worship reshape the way we approach our jobs, responsibilities, and daily tasks?
- 3) **DO** - As we prepare for our **PF40 Prayer and Fasting season**, begin seeking God now. Don't rush into choosing what to fast from — pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you. Ask: What is distracting me? What is shaping my appetite more than You? What would draw me closer to You in this season?