

# **BOLD MOVES**

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**“Cease Not to Pray”**

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- 1 It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom,
- 2 with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss.

Daniel 6:1-2, NIV

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Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

Daniel 6:3, NIV

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At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.

Daniel 6:4, NIV

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Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

Daniel 6:5, NIV

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6 So the administrators and the satraps went as a group to the king and said: “O King Darius, live forever! 7 The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or man during the next thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into the lions' den.”

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Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

Daniel 6:10, NIV

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Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.

Daniel 6:11, NIV

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Four things to remember while  
“Ceasing Not to Pray”.

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- 1. Pray Fearlessly!**

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For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7, NKJV

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2. The Prayer of Faith is a Witness of Our Faith.

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This type of prayer often involves surrendering one's desires to God's wisdom and trusting in His timing and ways.

It's about aligning one's will with God's will and seeking His guidance and intervention.

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The prayer of faith is a type of prayer marked by unwavering trust in God's ability and willingness to answer.

It involves believing without a doubt that God will act according to His promises.

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3. Prayer Nourishes Our Faith and  
Trust in God.

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4. Prayer is the Source of Strength and Guidance Needed.

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Then they said to the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day."

Daniel 6:14, NIV

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“If Necessity is the Mother of Invention, then Consistency is the Father of Success.”

Tony Birch

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So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

Daniel 6:16, NIV

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A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed.

Daniel 6:17, NIV

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21 Daniel answered, "O king, live forever!  
22 My God sent his angel, and he shut the  
mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me,  
because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor  
have I ever done any wrong before you, O king."

Daniel 6:21-22, NIV