

### III. WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU DO EXCELLENT WORK

A. You should expect **jealousy** from coworkers.

*“4 So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.*

*5 Then these men said, “We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God.” Daniel 6:4-5*

*“For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.” James 3:16*

*“14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.*

*15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people’s matters.*

*16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.”*

I Peter 4:14-16

B. You should expect **prosperity** from God.

*“So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.” Daniel 6:25*

*“Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men.” Proverbs 22:29*

### ARE YOU TAKING GOD TO WORK?

### TAKING GOD TO WORK The Keys To Lasting Success

Excellent Work In A Mediocre World

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#### INTRODUCTION

A. Work. For most of us it’s a necessity. For some it’s a passion. And for others it’s the pits. But for all of us it can be so much better when we take God to work.

*“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men ” Colossians 3:23*

B. Imagine the impact in our lives if through this campaign we all learned how to take God to work and apply the keys to lasting success. Join us as Pastor Steve Reynolds reveals the keys to lasting success.

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C. **Text:** Daniel 6:1-5 (Pew Bible/Page 875/Old Testament)

- Daniel was a **government** worker. He worked for a government that didn’t care about God, in fact they worshipped other gods.
- **Be** excellent and become **known** for excellence and you will never lack work.

## EXCELLENT WORK IN A MEDIOCRE WORLD

### I. WHY DO EXCELLENT WORK?

#### A. Your **judgment** before God.

*“For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.”*  
Ecclesiastes 12:14

*“13 each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is.*

*14 If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.*

*15 If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; ...”*  
I Corinthians 3:13-15a

#### B. Your **testimony** before people.

*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”*  
Matthew 5:16

Make excellence a **habit** in your work!

### II. HOW TO DO EXCELLENT WORK

#### A. Demonstrate excellent **character**.

*“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.”*  
Daniel 1:8

Daniel’s character was **pure**.

*“that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,”*  
Philippians 1:10

#### B. Demonstrate excellent **skills**.

*“12 Inasmuch as an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation.”*

*13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke, and said to Daniel, “Are you that Daniel who is one of the captives from Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah?”*

*14 I have heard of you, that the Spirit of God is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you.”*  
Daniel 5:12-14

Daniel’s skills were **wise**.

*”Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.”*  
Psalm 33:3

God highlights in the Bible the importance of doing excellent work (Exodus 28:39; II Chronicles 2:7, 14; 34:12 and Jeremiah 10:9).

#### C. Demonstrate excellent **dedication**.

*“3 Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.*

*4 So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.”*  
Daniel 6:3-4

Daniel’s dedication was **faithful**.

*“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.”*

Ecclesiastes 9:10