



**Sermon:** 2025 New Year: Being Before Doing

**Date:** Sunday, January 5th, 2025

It is a mistake for any of us to decide what we want to do before we first decide the kind of person that God wants us to be.

If we don't take \_\_\_\_\_ to decide the kind of person we want to be for God now, then someone or something else will decide that for us.

Having \_\_\_\_\_ character matters but not everyone has it.

How do we decide to be this kind of person that God wants for us to be in the midst of the pressures of life?

*It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them [the three administrators] so that the king might not suffer loss. (Daniel 6:1-2)*

Satraps: also known as governors over such provinces

*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)*

\_\_\_\_\_ with God can only develop in a relationship with God by spending time together with God.

*To Daniel and his friends, God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds. (Daniel 1:17)*

*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)*

*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)*



*Three times a day he (Daniel) got down on his knees and prayed to God just as He had done before.  
(Daniel 6:10)*

**Developing Our Godly Character in 2025**

1. Accept \_\_\_\_\_ into our life if we don't have a relationship with Him
2. Develop a \_\_\_\_\_ as to what our time with God is going to look like this year
  - a. *What is your plan to spend time with God daily and even multiple times throughout the day?*
  - b. *What is your plan to read through Scripture daily?*
  - c. *What is your plan to consistently go to church and be in spiritual community?*
  - d. *What is your plan to serve God this year?*
  - e. *What is your plan to use your resources for God's purposes this year?*

*"I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. For He is the Living God and He endures forever; His Kingdom will not be destroyed, His dominion will never end."  
(Daniel 6:26)*

**Bottom Line:** *It is a mistake for any of us to decide what we want to do before we first decide the kind of person that God wants us to be.*

**Questions to reflect on this week or with others:**

1. *What would others around you say about your character?*
2. *How does understanding God's love and grace for us compel us to reflect Him with our lives?*
3. *Many are planning to do a lot of things in this New Year, but have you made a plan as to how you are going to develop Godly character in your life? What next step will you take to practically do this in the New Year?*

*Songs used in service: The Jesus Way (Phil Wickham), Build My Life (Pat Barrett), Holy Forever (Chris Tomlin), Lord, I Need You (Matt Maher)*

**Any prayer requests?**

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**What can we be praying for you about?**