

# **Bold: What to do When You are Tested with Success!**

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## **What To Do When You Are Tested With Success!**

### **Bold: Learning To Live With An Audacious Faith! Pt.6**

#### **Daniel 4**

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*Deuteronomy 8:2, Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commands. ... 6Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in obedience to Him and revering Him. 7For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; 8a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; 9a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing... 10When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land He has given you. 11Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe His commands, His laws and His decrees that I am giving you this day. 12Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, 13and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, 14then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery... 17You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” 18But remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your ancestors, as it is today.*

*Luke 16:10, “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.”*

*Daniel 4:4, I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous.*

*Daniel 4:34, At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored.*

## **How Our Success Can Lead To Failure:**

### **1: Success Makes Us COMPLACENT**

*Daniel 4:4, I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous.*

### **2: Success Makes Us Consult The Wrong People FIRST**

*Daniel 4:5, I had a dream that made me afraid...6So I commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be brought before me to interpret the dream for me. 7When the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners came, I told them the dream, but they could not interpret it for me. 8Finally, Daniel came into my presence and I told him the dream.*

### **3: Success Makes Us Ignore The WARNING SIGNS**

*Daniel 4:19, Then Daniel (also called Belteshazzar) was greatly perplexed for a time, and his thoughts terrified him. So the king said, "Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its meaning alarm you." Belteshazzar answered, "My lord, if only the dream applied to your enemies and its meaning to your adversaries!"*

### **4: Success Makes Us PRIDEFUL**

*Daniel 4:30, ...he said, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?"*

*Proverbs 27:21, The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but people are tested by their praise.*

### **5: Success Makes Us Put Off REPENTANCE**

*Daniel 4:29, Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon... 31Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, "...King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. 32You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most*

*High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.” 33Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled.*

### **How Our Failure Can Lead To Success:**

- Renounce Your Sin By Doing What Is RIGHT

*Daniel 4:27, “Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue.”*

- Get Serious About Following And PRAISING GOD

*Daniel 4:34, At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified Him who lives forever.*

- Believe God Can RESTORE YOU

*Daniel 4:36, At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. 37Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything He does is right and all His ways are just. And those who walk in pride He is able to humble.*

- Tell Others What God Has DONE FOR YOU

*Daniel 4:1, King Nebuchadnezzar, To the nations and peoples of every language, who live in all the earth: May you prosper greatly! 2It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me.*

### **Other Scriptures On Pride And Success:**

*Proverbs 14:21, It is a sin to despise one’s neighbor, but blessed is the one who is kind to the needy.*

*Proverbs 14:31, Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.*

*Proverbs 16:5, The LORD detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished.*

*Proverbs 16:18, Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.*

*Proverbs 21:13, Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered.*

*Proverbs 29:14, If a king judges the poor with fairness, his throne will be established forever.*

*Proverbs 31:8, Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. 9Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.*