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Daniel 10:1-20 (NIV)

¹In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel (who was called Belteshazzar). Its message was true and it concerned a great war. The understanding of the message came to him in a vision. ²At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks.

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³ I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over. ⁴ On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river, the Tigris, ⁵ I looked up and there before me

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was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist.⁶ His body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

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⁷ I, Daniel, was the only one who saw the vision; those who were with me did not see it, but such terror overwhelmed them that they fled and hid themselves. ⁸ So I was left alone, gazing at this great vision; I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless.

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⁹ Then I heard him speaking, and as I listened to him, I fell into a deep sleep, my face to the ground. ¹⁰ A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

Daniel 10:1-20 (NIV)

¹¹ He said, “Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you.” And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling.

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¹² Then he continued, “Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.

Daniel 10:1-20 (NIV)

¹³ But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. ¹⁴ Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come.”

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¹⁵ While he was saying this to me, I bowed with my face toward the ground and was speechless. ¹⁶ Then one who looked like a man touched my lips, and I opened my mouth and began to speak. I said to the one standing before me, “I am overcome with anguish because of the vision, my lord,

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and I feel very weak.¹⁷ How can I, your servant, talk with you, my lord? My strength is gone and I can hardly breathe.”¹⁸ Again the one who looked like a man touched me and gave me strength.

Daniel 10:1-20 (NIV)

¹⁹ “Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed,” he said. “Peace! Be strong now; be strong.” When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, “Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength.”

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²⁰ So he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come.

Prayer: Consistently Seeking the Face of God for the Sake of:

1. Knowing Him
2. Knowing His Will
3. Securing the Ability to do His Will

Daniel's Prayer Life

Daniel 2: prayed in the midst of opposition

Daniel 6: prayed three times a day, giving thanks to his God

Daniel 9: pleaded with God in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes

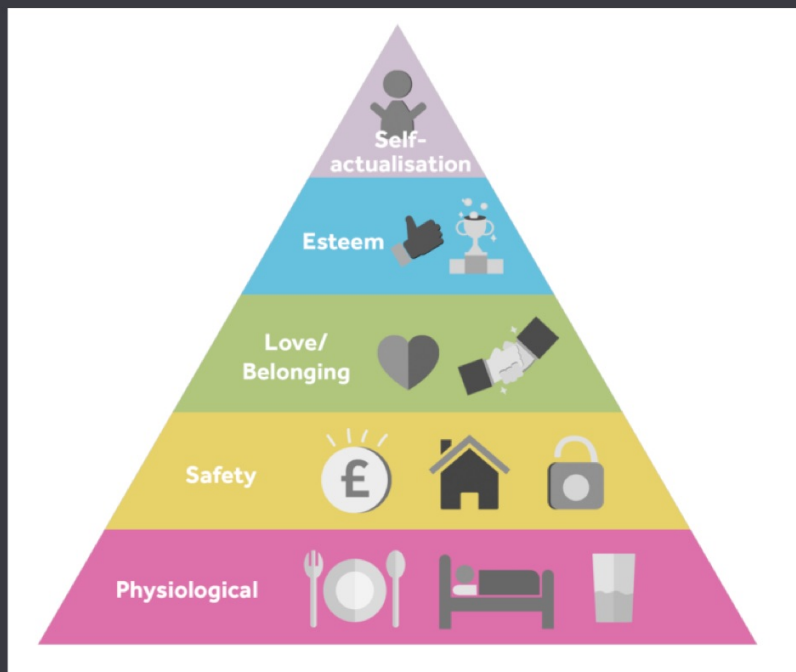
**Prayer Changes Things.
But the Biggest Thing About
Prayer Is That It Changes
YOU!**

Prayer Fills Our Deepest Needs

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Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, 1943



Daniel 10:11

NIV: “Daniel, you who are highly esteemed...”

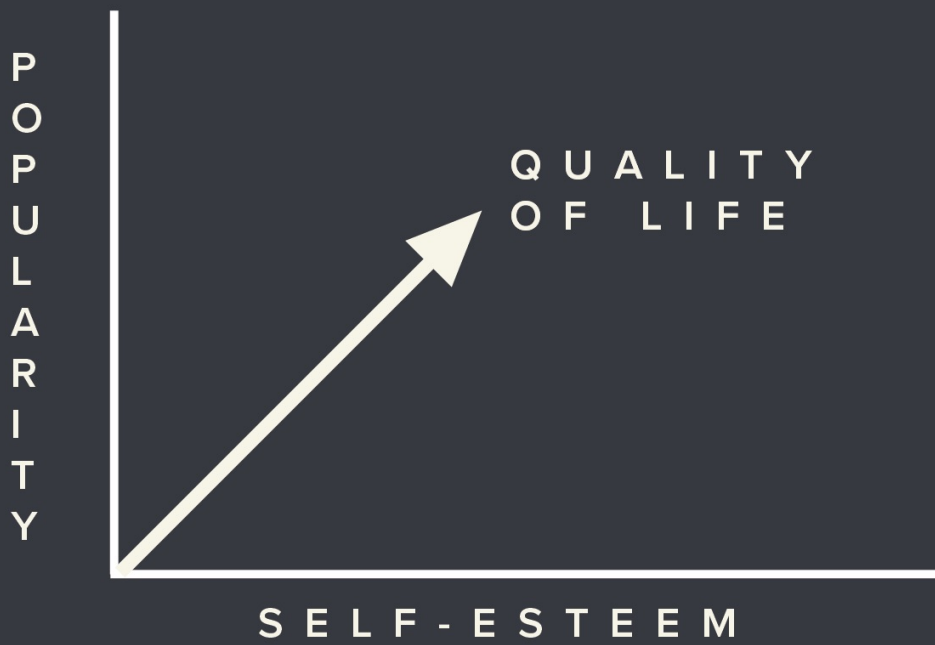
ESV: “O Daniel, man Greatly loved...”

CEV: “Daniel, your God thinks highly of you...”

Esteemed:

Greatly admired and desired; highly respected by others and from one's self; the pressing desire for possession

CULTURE'S FLATTERY TRAP



THE REALITY OF THE FLATTERY TRAP



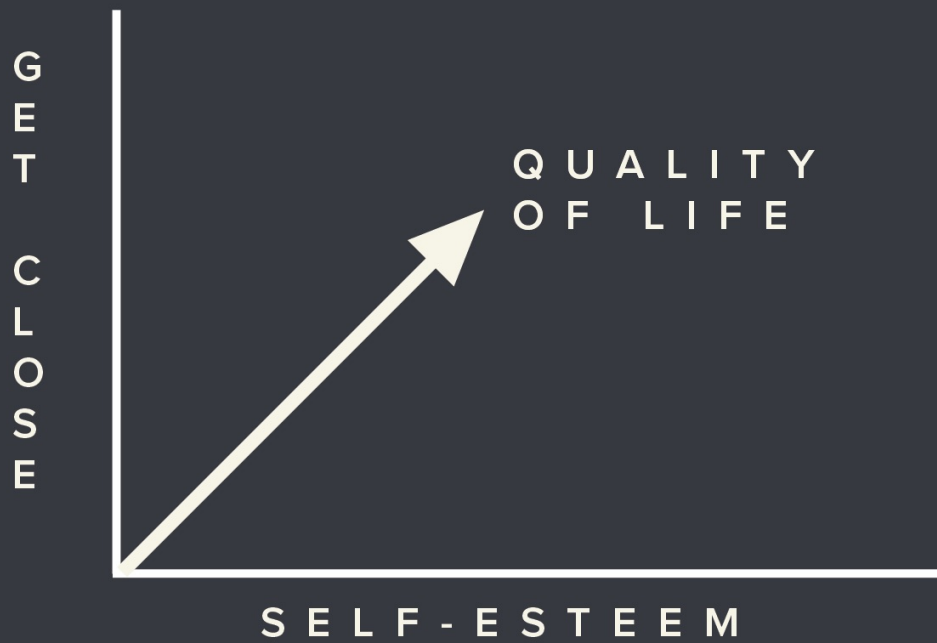
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Daniel 11:32 (ESV)

He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.

HOW PRAYER CHANGES US



**It's Not that God Loves Some
People More Than Others, It's
That the People Who Seek
Him Discover How Much He
Really Loves Them**

Prayer Conquers Fear In Us

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Daniel 10:19 (NIV)

“Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed,” he said. “Peace! Be strong now; be strong.” When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, “Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength.”

1 John 4:18 (ESV)

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

Stanley Jones

“I am inwardly fashioned for faith, not for fear. Fear is not my native land; faith is. I am so made that worry and anxiety are sand in the machinery of life; faith is the oil. I live better by faith and confidence than by fear, doubt and anxiety. In anxiety and worry, my being is gasping for breath--these are not my native air. But in faith and confidence, I breathe freely--these are my native air..”

