

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

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Daniel 1:9 Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and good will of the chief of the eunuchs.

Introduction:

1. Leaders will _____ wherever they are.
2. A leader leads even when the _____ is _____.
3. Leaders do not have to have _____ circumstances to _____ lead.

I. The skills of a _____ leader:

A. Strategic leaders are great _____.

1. Strategic leaders stand out in _____. (*Dan. 1:19-20 Then the king interviewed them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king.²⁰ And in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm.*)

B. Strategic leaders establish guiding _____ for their lives.

1. A defining _____ (*Dan. 1:8 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.*)
2. Clear _____ (*Dan. 1:9 Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and good will of the chief of the eunuchs.*)
3. A workable _____ (*Dan. 1:10-15 And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and drink. For why should he see your faces looking worse than the young men who are your age? Then you would endanger my head before the king."¹¹ So Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,¹² "Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink.¹³ Then let our countenances be examined before you, and the countenances of the young men who eat the portion of the king's delicacies; and as you see fit, so deal with your servants."¹⁴ So he consented with them in this matter, and tested them ten days.¹⁵ And at the end of ten days their countenance appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men who ate the portion of the king's delicacies.*)
4. Talented _____ (*vs. 11*)
5. Successful _____ (*vs. 15*)
6. Persistent _____ (*Dan. 6:10b He knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.*)

C. These principles are the _____ for a leader's strategic _____, and they _____ questions that must be asked.

II. Leaders must become _____-driven. (*Dan. 1: 8*)

A. Purpose answers _____ you are doing this.

1. Without a "_____" you can't handle the "_____."
2. "_____" without "_____" equals _____.
3. "_____" with a "_____" equals a _____.

B. Purpose defines your _____.

C. Purpose brings _____ things to your life:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

III. Leaders must be _____-focused. (vs. 8-9)

A. Priorities answers the question if you need to ____ it or _____.

B. Priorities tell you:

1. Whether it's a _____ you believe in.
2. Whether it's where your _____ should be spent.
3. Whether it's where you should give your _____.

IV. Have a _____ you can work in. (vs. 10-15)

A. Process answers _____ you will do it.

B. Process helps you to _____:

1. The _____ you will need to _____.
2. The _____ you will need to _____.
3. The _____ you will need to _____.
4. The _____ you will need to _____.

V. Choose your _____ wisely. (vs. 11)

A. Personnel answers _____ you will _____ to do it.

1. You never reach the _____ by yourself.
2. Choose your _____ like your life depends on it.

B. Personnel force you to _____:

1. The _____ required.
2. The _____ needed.
3. The _____ expected.
4. The _____ required.

VI. Watch your _____ wisely. (vs. 15)

A. Production answers whether you should _____ doing it.

B. Production is a get-in-touch-with _____ question.

1. Is it still _____?
2. Is it still _____?
3. Is it still _____?
4. Is it still _____?
5. Is it still _____?

VII. Make sure you _____. (Dan. 6:10)

A. Prayer answers whether _____ will be a part of what you are doing.

B. Continuing leadership requires _____ prayer.

1. When a leader _____, he prays for _____.
2. When a leader asks for _____, he asks that it start with _____.
3. Prayer gives leaders a heavenly _____ to _____ through life's strategic points.