

## Day 3 | Daniel Fast Devotional

***Philippians 1:11-14 (NLT)** May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the **righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ**—for this will bring much glory and praise to God. **12** And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. **13** For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. **14** And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear.*

Character matters! It matters because through righteous character our Father is glorified. How is your character? Who are you when no one is around? Are you the same person regardless of who surrounds you, or does the company dictate your behavior?

If your language, behavior and response changes with the crowd, you need to grow in your character. The beautiful thing about righteous character is that it is the fruit of our salvation. In other words, having character should come supernaturally natural to us who say we believe. Fruit is a natural result of the type of tree that was planted. Orange trees produce oranges and are not worried about producing apples, because they grow from an orange seed. We are born again by God's incorruptible seed and righteous character is the fruit of our salvation.

Why is this so important? Because it gives us moral authority. **Don't confuse moral authority with legalistic moral superiority.** (I am better than you because I don't do what you do.) Moral authority simply gives us the right to speak into the lives of others; because how can we tell others about something we don't live ourselves?

Character matters because it brings glory to God and gives us confidence to tell others about the good news.

### **Prayer:**

- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you build consistency in your character.
- Ask for forgiveness where you have failed and strength where you are weak.
- Pray that the Lord Jesus will help you to display His character and nature to others.