



UNSHAKABLE

When God Tests You With Success

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1. GUARD YOURSELF AGAINST GETTING ___COMPLACENT WITH SUCCESS___ .

I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and prospering in my palace. (Daniel 4:4, ESV)

At the end of twelve months he [Nebuchadnezzar] was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, and the king answered and said, "Is not this great Babylon, which *I* have built by *my* mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of *my* majesty?" (Daniel 4:29-30, ESV)

2. STAY ___HUMBLE___: GOD ___OPPOSES___ THE ___PROUD___.

While the words were still in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, "O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you, and you shall be driven from

among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. And you shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will." (Daniel 4:31-32, ESV)

3. GOD RULES ___EVERYTHING___, ___EVERYWHERE___, ___- FOREVER___.

"...I [Nebuchadnezzar] blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?" (Daniel 4:34-35, ESV)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. With the successes that you have experienced, or are experiencing, are you taking the glory upon yourself or are you giving the glory to God?
2. Do you *really* believe that God is in control of everything? That he has complete control and dominion over all leaders, circumstances and situations? Read Daniel 4:17, Ephesians 1:20-21, Proverbs 19:21, Isaiah 45:6-7 (and many others)
3. Knowing how dangerous pride is and how prevalent of a sin it is in the life of all humanity, how can you safeguard yourself against pride? How can you grow in humility?

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