

Daniel 6:10

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I don't know about you, but the world, especially the USA has gotten so corrupt it's not even funny. Same sex marriages and being forced to accept that life style and if you don't you are labeled as a hater, simply because you choose to not accept sin. Pot being made legal in more states with each election. Shooting happening all the time with people blaming an gun instead of the one who is shooting the gun. It has gotten so bad that in a few years we Christians could start to really suffer persecution in the good ol US of A. Think about it, they take prayer out of schools and even the bible. We are looked at as haters, but all other religions are accepted... all but Christianity.

So here's a joyful thought to ponder today and over the weekend. What if the Governor of your state passed a law saying that it would be against the law to pray to Jesus or to own a bible. If you were caught, you would be thrown into prison, not just a little jail, but actual prison, were the worst of the worst offenders or placed. What would you do?

Maybe carry a bible in public letting them know that you won't stand for that? Or start praying in Jesus name out loud in restaurants, in front of school or anywhere everyone could see you, doing it in rebellion against such a law? Even when they took prayer out of the schools, people went and prayed on the school grounds, even though some of them never did before and don't even have a daily prayer and devotional time.

You wanna know what I would do? I would do just what I do every day now. I will read my bible in my home with the blinds open so I can enjoy the sun rise like I do every morning. Then when I am done, I would go to my one spot in my home, by a window and pray, because that's where I spend my prayer time with the Lord right now.

As I think about it, I would do the same thing Daniel did when a law was decreed, back in his days, that for 30 days no one could pray to anyone but the king.

† **Daniel 6:7** *All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counselors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions.*

Daniel's response is today's devotional verse: *Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, 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.*

Did you catch that last part, that is the key to this entire passage *as was his custom since early days*. Daniel didn't **start** praying because he was told he couldn't, and Daniel didn't pray **by the window** in defiance of the law, no Daniel did what He did every day for years.

If someone started praying and carrying a bible around because they were told that they couldn't, even though they haven't in the past, and do it in defiance of that law, that person would be a hypocrite and a bad example of a Christian. And how much glory do you think God will get with an attitude like that?

† **Titus 1:10a (NLT2)** *For there are many rebellious people who engage in useless talk and deceive others.*