

Daniel 1:17–20 (ESV)

¹⁷As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. ¹⁸At the end of the time, when the king had commanded that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹And the king spoke with them, and among all of them none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore they stood before the king. ²⁰And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his kingdom.

OUR _____ PRECEDES GOD'S _____ !

Deuteronomy 28:1–2 (NIV84)

“If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God:”

Daniel 1:21 (ESV)

“And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus.”

“...the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah...” v-2

“And God gave Daniel favor and compassion...” v-9

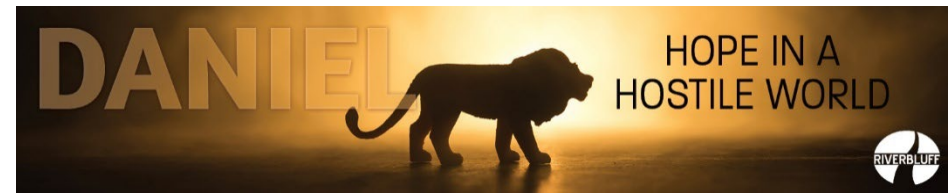
“God gave them learning and skill in all...” v-17

**TO LIVE WITH RESOLVE IN A HOSTILE WORLD, YOU
MUST RESIST SATAN'S _____ PROCESS!**

Daniel 1:7 (ESV)

“And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.”

When GOD is _____ “Babylon” is never _____ !



Daniel 1:1–5 (ESV)

¹In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ²And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god. ³Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, ⁴youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. ⁵The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king.

Today's BIG Idea

THOSE WITH “HOPE-BUILT RESOLVE” DON'T LET

_____ DETERMINE THEIR _____ !

“It would be necessary to propose a superior discipline if the Nazis were to be defeated... You have to be stronger than these tormentors that you find everywhere today... Your devotion has to be stronger. Your love has to be stronger. The resistance that you offer has to be stronger.”

STRANGE GLORY: A Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer — Charles Marsh

Daniel 1:6 (ESV)

“Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah.”

**TO LIVE WITH RESOLVE IN A HOSTILE WORLD,
YOU MUST _____ IN BIBLICAL _____ !**

Daniel 1:11–13 (ESV)

“Then Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, ‘Test your servants for ten days; let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king’s food be observed by you, and deal with your servants according to what you see.’”

Psalms 95:6 (NASB95)

*“Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the LORD our maker.”*

Romans 12:10 & 16 (NIV84)

*“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.
Honor one another above yourselves... Live in harmony with one another.”*

Ephesians 4:2 (Msg)

“...steadily pour yourselves out for each other in acts of love.”

Daniel 1:7 (ESV)

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**TO LIVE WITH RESOLVE IN A HOSTILE WORLD, YOU
MUST _____ AND _____ YOUR
GOD-GIVEN _____!**

Daniel 1:8–13 (ESV)

⁸But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king’s food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself. ⁹And God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs, ¹⁰and the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, “I fear my lord the king, who assigned your food and your drink; for why should he see that you were in worse condition than the youths who are of your own age? So you would endanger my head with the king.” ¹¹Then Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, ¹²“Test your servants for ten days; let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king’s food be observed by you, and deal with your servants according to what you see.”

Daniel 1:8 (KJV 1900)

“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself...”

**TO LIVE WITH RESOLVE IN A HOSTILE WORLD,
YOU MUST _____ THE DRAW TOWARD _____!**

THE STRATEGY OF BIBLICAL RESISTANCE

Daniel 1:8 (ESV)

“But Daniel resolved...”

#1 Daniel's RESISTANCE, first & foremost, is _____!

1 Thessalonians 4:11–12 (NLT)

“Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. Then people who are not believers will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others.”

#2 Daniel's RESISTANCE is _____!

Daniel 1:8–9 (ESV)

“Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself. And God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs”

**#3 Daniel trusts that his RESISTANCE will yield
_____!**

Daniel 1:12–13 (ESV)

“Test your servants for ten days... Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king’s food be observed by you...”