

ILLUSIONS IN LIFE WE CLING TO

“MENE” = “_____”

The illusion involved here is:

It's _____!

“TEKEL” = “_____”

The illusion involved here is:

It's possible to _____!

“PARSIN” = “_____”

The illusion involved here is:

My life will go the way I want for _____!

Luke 12:20 (NLT)

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’”

Daniel 5:29 (ESV)

“Then Belshazzar gave the command, and Daniel was clothed with purple, a chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made about him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.”

Daniel 5:30–31 (ESV)

“That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed. And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.”



WILL I “SPEAK TRUTH” TO POWER & TO MYSELF?

Daniel 5:1-31

Daniel 5:1–5 (ESV)

¹King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine in front of the thousand. ²Belshazzar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. ³Then they brought in the golden vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. ⁴They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone. ⁵Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, opposite the lampstand. And the king saw the hand as it wrote.

SIN ALWAYS FOLLOWS THE LAW OF

_____!

Daniel 5:2 (CEV)

“He got drunk and ordered his servants to bring in the gold and silver cups his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple in Jerusalem.”

Daniel 5:5 (ESV)

“Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, opposite the lampstand. And the king saw the hand as it wrote.”

Daniel 5:6–16 (ESV)

Proverbs 16:31 (NIV84)

“Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous life.”

**The great temptation when truth needs to be spoken to
power is to _____!**

**Today’s BIG Life Question
IN THIS SEASON WHERE DO YOU NEED TO
_____!**

Daniel 5:17–23 (ESV)

Daniel 5:22 (ESV)

*And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart,
though you knew all this!*

**Daniel’s great convicting prophetic Word to this
counterfeit-king is, “_____”!**

**We avoid responsibility for knowing the truth because
we _____ what we _____!**

John 8:31–32 (NIV84)

*To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my
teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and
the truth will set you free.”*

**THE GREATEST PLACE I MAY NEED TO SPEAK TRUTH
TO POWER IS TO _____!**

**ONE OF THE GREATEST DANGERS TO OUR SPIRITUAL
LIFE IS _____!**

Matthew 25:40 (ESV)

*“The King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of
the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”*

Daniel 5:22 (ESV)

*And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart,
though you knew all this!*

Daniel 5:24–28 (ESV)

²⁴“Then from his presence the hand was sent, and this writing was
inscribed. ²⁵And this is the writing that was inscribed: Mene, Mene,
Tekel, and Parsin. ²⁶This is the interpretation of the matter: Mene, God
has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end;
²⁷Tekel, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting;
²⁸Peres, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

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purple, a chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was
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