

THRIVING THROUGH WISDOM

Thrive - Part 7 of 8

(The queen said) "This man Daniel... has exceptional ability and is filled with divine knowledge and understanding. He can interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means."
Daniel 5:12 (NLT)

(The king said) "I have heard that the Spirit of God is in you, that you possess brilliant knowledge and extraordinary wisdom."
Daniel 5:14 (NAB)

"Always remember what you have learned. Your education is your life, so guard it well." Proverbs 4:13 (TEV)

How Can We Become Wise Like Daniel?

1. Make a **COMMITMENT** to never stop learning.

"Commit yourself to instruction; listen carefully to words of knowledge." Proverbs 23:12 (NLT)

"If an ax is dull and its edge is unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success." Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV)

"Do yourself a favor and learn all you can; then remember what you learn and you will prosper." Proverbs 19:8 (TEV)

2. Learn the **LESSONS** of the previous generation.

"8 Ask the people of past generations. Find out what their ancestors had learned. 9 We have only been around since yesterday, and we know nothing..." Job 8:8-9 (GW)

There are four relationships I need to become wise:

- **MENTORS**
- **MODELS**
- **PARTNERS**
- **FRIENDS**

"6 These things have become examples for us so that we won't desire what is evil, as they did. 7 So don't worship false gods as some of them did, as Scripture says, "The people sat down to a feast which turned into an orgy." 8 We shouldn't sin sexually as some of them did.... 9 We shouldn't put the Lord to the test as some of them did.... 10 Don't complain as some of them did.... 11 These things happened to make them an example for others. These things were written down as a warning for us who are living in the closing days of history." 1 Corinthians 10:6-11 (GW)

3. Maintain a **HUMBLE** attitude that honors God.

"Reverence for the Lord is an education in itself. You must be humble before you can ever receive honors."
Proverbs 15:33 (TEV)

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6b (NIV)

4. Refuse to fill my mind with **GARBAGE**.

"A wise person is hungry for truth, while the fool feeds on trash." Proverbs 15:14 (NLT)

5. Put into **PRACTICE** what I have already learned.

KEY TRUTH: I haven't learned it until I **DO** it.

Daniel said, "You, his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this." Daniel 5:22 (NAB)

KEY TAKE-A-WAY: If I don't humbly learn from the generations before me, I will end up making the exact **SAME** mistakes.

"Some people have missed the most important thing in life – they don't know God!" 1 Timothy 6:21a (LB)