

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“Cooperation without Compromise”**

**“Behind Enemy Lines” – Pt. 2**

Daniel 1:1-21 & Selected

### **Those who say “No!” when challenged to compromise...**

#### **I. Have their identity already settled in Christ Jesus!**

*“Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah. 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.” Vs. 6-7*

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come.” 2 Corinthians 5:17*

*“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1*

*“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” Galatians 2:20*

#### **II. Have their knowledge of God rooted and grounded in the Holy Bible!**

*“Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, youths 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.” Vs. 3-4*

*"...but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action."* Daniel 11:32

### **III. Have religious convictions that stand above changing cultural conditions!**

*"The 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."*  
Vs. 5

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He (Jesus) was in the beginning with God."* John 1:1-2

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."*  
Hebrews 13:8

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| <p><b>Changing cultural conditions must never change my religious convictions.</b></p> |
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### **IV. Have a personal holiness that honors Jesus as King above all else!**

*"But 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."* Vs. 8

*"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank."*  
Daniel 1:8a KJV

### **V. Have a strong belief that God honors those most who honor Him first!**

*"And God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs."* Vs. 9