

Cheat Sheet

Main Points

- Daniel was much like the students when he was taken captive, and he was able to live a godly life because he invested in the Word of God from a young age.
- We, too, live in a world that seeks to shape and conform us, just as the world did in Daniel's time.
- One of the primary ways we live lives of witness is by being rooted and grounded in Scripture.
 - This creates a clear contrast between our lives and the standards of the world.

Discussion Questions

- What difficulties do you think Daniel and his friends faced while living in a new land that opposed their beliefs and culture?
- Why do you think it was important for Daniel to refuse the king's food and drink? What does it mean that he did not want to be defiled?
- Daniel surrounded himself with godly companions. What advantages did that give him?
- Do you have a group of godly people you surround yourself with? If so, how has that impacted you? If not, what benefits might come from that?
- Have you ever had to take a stand for your beliefs that risked missing out on something important or caused personal difficulty?
- Are there areas of your life right now that may be more aligned with the world than with the Word of God?
- Daniel and his friends likely had little to no access to Scripture or formal teaching during their years of training and had to rely on what they already knew. How can we prepare ourselves now for difficult seasons in the same way?