



LIVING A LIFE WITHOUT COMPROMISE

GOD IS LARGE AND IN CHARGE DANIEL 1:17-21

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“Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone;
 Dare to have a purpose firm, Dare to make it known.”

-Phillip Paul Bliss, *Dare to be a Daniel*, (Circa 1873).

STUDY SECTION

‘DARE TO BE A DANIEL’ WITHOUT COMPROMISE

But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself...

- Daniel 1:8, NASB95

1. God's _____.

Daniel 1:17, NASB95 - ¹⁷ As for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all kinds of visions and dreams.

2. Nebuchadnezzar's _____.

Daniel 1:18–20, NASB95 - ¹⁸ Then at the end of the days which the king had specified for presenting them [i.e., 3 years], the commander of the officials presented them before Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ The king talked with them, [lit., inquired of them, meaning, he examined and compared them] and out of them all not one was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's personal service. ²⁰ As for every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king consulted them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians [those that dealt with the occult] and conjurers [those that put spells on people] who were in all his realm.

3. Daniel's _____.

Daniel 1:21, NASB95 - ²¹ And Daniel continued until the first year of Cyrus the king. [The first year of King Cyrus' reign was 539 BC, but Daniel was still alive in 537 BC, the third year of Cyrus (cf., 10:1)—that means Daniel would be nearly 90 years old, if not more—that's quite a run!]

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

BEFORE YOU COMMIT TO LIVING A LIFE WITHOUT COMPROMISE, YOU BETTER COUNT THE COST:

1. THIS WILL BE YOUR GREATEST TRIAL:

“To trust God when your world falls apart!”

2. THIS WILL BE GREATEST TEMPTATION:

“To compromise your beliefs to be like everyone else!”

3. THIS WILL BE YOUR GREATEST TRIUMPH:

“To stay pure in the midst of moral decay!”

WILL YOU ‘DARE TO BE A DANIEL?’

Answers: 1. Reward, 2. Recognition, 3. Run.