

Daniel 1

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Daniel's Defiance was Deliberate, Measured and Potent

Verse 8: “Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank.”

Begg: “Don't mistake Daniel and his friends for rabble-rousers who were a constant nuisance. Don't confuse being godly with being obnoxious “

Proverbs 22:26-27 “When you sit down to eat with a ruler, observe carefully what is before you, and put a knife to your throat if you are given to appetite. Do not desire his delicacies, for they are deceptive food.”

Psalms 141:4 “Do not let my heart incline to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds in company with men who work iniquity, and let me not eat of their delicacies.”



How Defiance Looks in our Lives Today

Begg: “Do not let the distance of their time, culture, and geography blind you to the magnitude of their decision.”

Verse 8: “he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself.”

Godly defiance:

- Keeps your heart/conscience pure
- Leads others who are close but in need of courage
- Forces others around you to respond



Godly Defiance Requires a Knowledge of God

Begg: “Why were these four men willing and able to know their line, and stand firm and refuse to cross it, when they were being placed under pressure that most of us can only imagine? Because of what they knew about God... You and I will only live brave like Daniel did if we first know the God who Daniel did.”

Colossians 3:3-4 “For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”



Discussion

1. Where are you called to exercise Godly defiance in your life?
2. How can you behold Christ more, that you might courage to do so?