

# OUTLIERS



A study of Daniel

Part 6

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commanded to bring the golden and  
silver vessels which his father  
Nebuchadnezzar had taken out  
of the temple which [was]  
in Jerusalem



# Daniel 5:1

Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

# Principle 1:

The Distraction of  
Life's Problems



It is easier to find  
a distraction to  
trouble than it is  
to face it head on



Is there an issue in your  
life that you are ignoring  
and distracting yourself  
with something else so you  
do not have to deal with it?



# Principle 2:

The Distortion of  
God's Provision



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commanded to bring the golden and silver  
vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had  
taken out of the temple which [was] in  
Jerusalem; that the king, and his  
princes, his wives, and his  
concubines, might drink  
therein





# Daniel 5:3-4

Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which [was] at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

# 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Your God-Given

Talent





# Matthew 25:24-25

Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, [there] thou hast [that is] thine.

Your God-Given

Treasure





# Malachi 3:8

Will a man rob God? Yet ye  
have robbed me. But ye say,  
Wherein have we robbed thee?  
In tithes and offerings

# Malachi 3:10

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that [there shall] not [be room] enough [to receive it].

Your God-Given

Time







# Psalm 90:12

So teach [us] to number  
our days, that we may  
apply [our] hearts unto  
wisdom

# Daniel 5:23

but you have lifted up yourself against  
the Lord of heaven. And the vessels of  
his house have been brought in before  
you, and you and your lords,  
your wives, and your  
concubines have drunk wine  
from them



# Daniel 5:5-6

Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, opposite the lampstand.

# Daniel 5:5-6

And the king saw the hand as it wrote. Then the king's color changed, and his thoughts alarmed him; his limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together



# Daniel 5:7

The king called loudly to bring in the enchanter, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers. The king declared to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and shows me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."

# Principle 3:

The Deficiency of  
the World's Wisdom



# Daniel 5:8

Then all the king's wise men came  
in, but they could not read the  
writing or make known to  
the king the  
interpretation



# Daniel 5:9

Then King Belshazzar was  
greatly alarmed, and his  
color changed, and his  
lords were perplexed



# Daniel 5:10-11

The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banqueting hall, and the queen declared, "O king, live forever! Let not your thoughts alarm you or your color change. 11 There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him, and King Nebuchadnezzar, your father-- your father the king--made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and astrologers



# Daniel 5:25-28

And this is the writing that was inscribed:  
Mene, Mene, Tekel, and Parsin. This is the interpretation of the matter: Mene, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; Tekel, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting; Peres, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians

# Daniel 5:30-31

That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed. And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

# Principle 4:

The Definitiveness  
of God's Truth



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