



How to Make Right Decisions *Daniel 1*

The life of Daniel is one of the most unusual biographies in the entire Bible. Here was a man who spent almost his entire career in positions of influence and authority in highly visible public life, yet there was not a mark against him. That can't be said of most Bible characters. Daniel is just one of a handful out of hundreds of Bible characters who kept the faith continuously. In this message we're going to take a look at five decisions that Daniel made that made him such a godly man and such a faithful servant of God.

— A little of the background to the Book of Daniel:

- The theme of the book has to do with the _____ of God.
- Daniel is to the _____ what the Book of _____ is to the New Testament.
- Daniel was a very _____ man when his country of Israel was taken captive by the Babylonians.
- Babylon was the center of _____.

I. He decided to remember his _____. (vv. 1-5)

- A. He had to choose either _____ or _____.
- B. He was faced with either _____ or allowing the Lord to _____ him.

II. He decided to honor his _____. (vv. 6, 7)

- A. Names have always been _____ to people.
- B. They were each given names having to do with _____ worship.
- C. _____ decisions ultimately rest upon _____ decisions.

III. He decided to honor God by what he _____ and _____. (v. 8)

- A. According to Jewish _____, Daniel couldn't eat the food or drink the wine.
- B. Notice that _____ of the other Jews were _____.
- C. Spiritual battles often begin in the _____ and are won or lost in _____.

IV. He decided to submit a _____ . (vv. 9-14)

- A. Daniel had a _____ and a proposal of an _____.
- B. When you dare to be different, remember that Daniel did so with a _____.
- C. His bold stand served to _____ others to _____ his example.

{ “If a man is not willing to _____ for something,
then he is liable to _____ for anything.” }
— Peter Marshall

V. He decided to use his influence to _____ . (vv. 15-20)

- A. Daniel had such a powerful testimony all because of some _____ decisions which led to some _____ results.
- B. Remember: Choices are the _____ of _____.