

## PURPLE COW

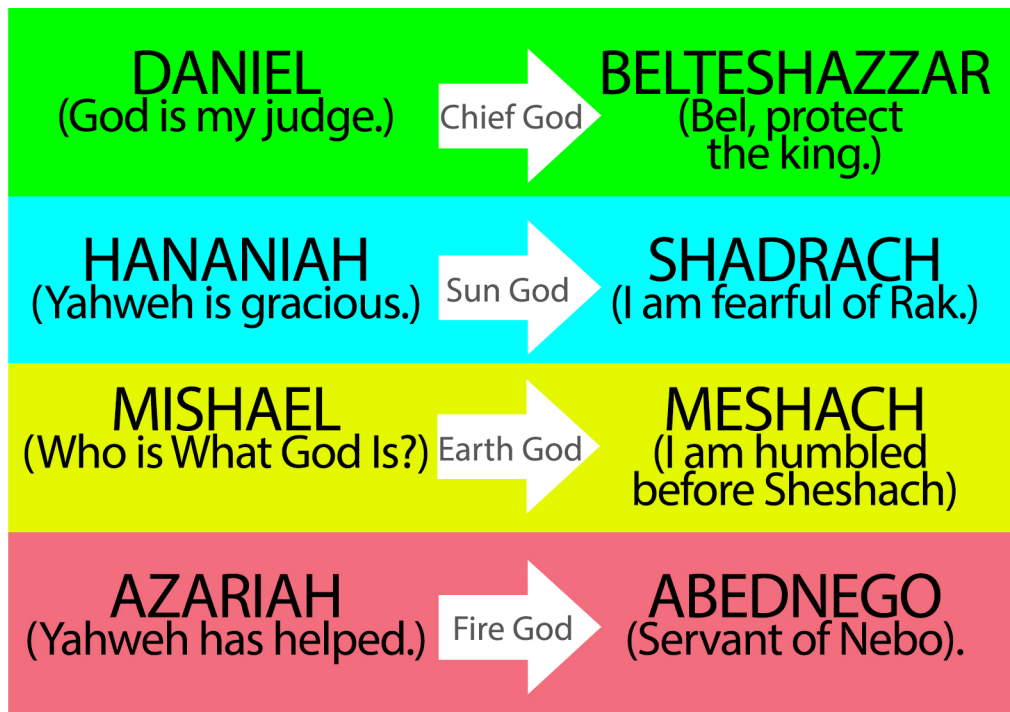
### Part 4 – Core Convictions

1. Our convictions drive our decisions.
2. **Core Convictions are a set of Scripturally based, values and predetermined decisions in critical areas of life.**
3. *Successful people make right decisions early and manage those decisions daily.” – John Maxwell.*

#### Daniel 1

- Babylon invaded Judah and Jerusalem during the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah.
- God gave Judah and Israel over to Babylon as judgment for their sins after hundreds of years of forewarning.
- Ashpenaz, the chief of King Nebuchadnezzar’s officials was given assignment of selecting choice men for service in the king’s court (first class education for three years and then given employment)

#### Daniel 1:5-8 (NASB)



**Daniel 1:9, 17-20**

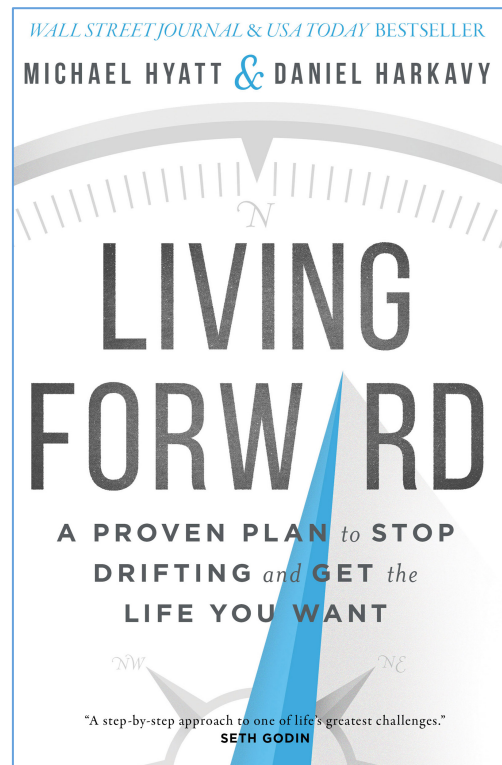
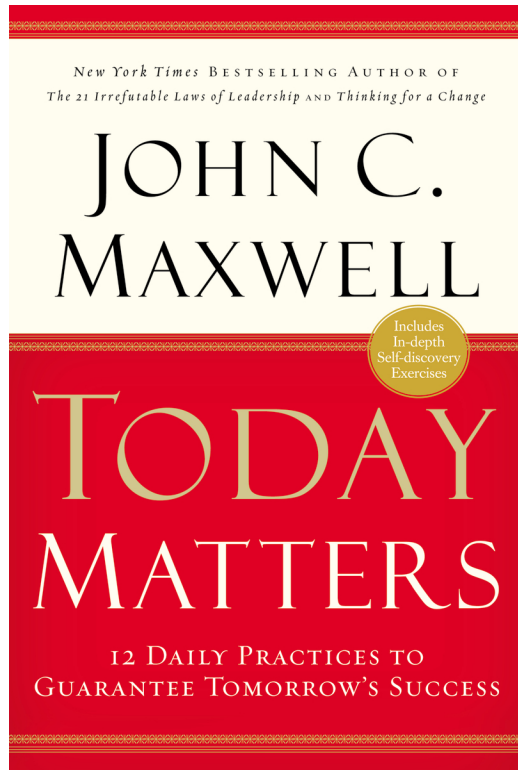
**9 Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials, 10 and the commander of the officials said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink; for why should he see your faces looking more haggard than the youths who are your own age? Then you would make me forfeit my head to the king." 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. 20 In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.**



## ASSIGNMENT

**Create a list of core convictions for critical areas of your life.**

- Two Resources: Today Matters (John Maxwell) and Living Forward (Michael Hyatt & Daniel Harkavy)



- Maxwell helps you think through your core convictions/values/essentials
- Hyatt helps you develop a vision for each one.

## EIGHT CORE CONVICTIONS

Here are some core convictions to consider:

1. Attitude: How can I reflect a godly and positive on a daily basis?
2. Priorities: What big rocks will I place first daily?
3. Health: How can I make healthy choices daily?
4. Family/Marriage: How can I make my spouse/family feel like they are a priority?
5. Finances: How can I manage my resources and seek to be generous daily?
6. Commitment: How can I commit to the right things daily?
7. Integrity: How can I walk in godliness and purity daily?
8. Growth: What can I do daily to improve and move forward?

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