

WISE LIVING

DANIEL'S REPUTATION

*"[Queen Mother] 'The man I am talking about is named Daniel, whom the king named Belshazzar. He was **very wise** and had knowledge and understanding. He could explain dreams and secrets and could answer very hard problems. Call for Daniel. He will tell you what the writing on the wall means.'" Daniel 5:12 (NCV)*

*"[King Belshazzar] 'I have heard that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that you are **very wise** and have knowledge and extraordinary understanding.'" Daniel 5:14 (NCV)*

"Always remember what you have learned, your education is your life, so guard it well." Proverbs 4:13 (TEV)

HOW CAN I BECOME WISE LIKE DANIEL?

1) Be a **LIFETIME LEARNER.**

"Commit yourself to instruction; listen carefully to words of knowledge." Proverbs 23:12 (NLT)

*"If an ax is dull and its edge is unsharpened, more strength is needed but **skill will bring success.**" Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV)*

*"Do yourself a favor and **learn all you can**; then **remember what you learn** and you will prosper." Proverbs 19:8 (TEV)*

2) Choose **WISE MENTORS.**

*"Just ask the previous generation. **Pay attention** to the experience of our ancestors. For we were born but yesterday and know nothing" Job 8: 8-9a (NLT)*

*"These things happened as a **warning to us**, so that we would not crave evil things as they did, or worship idols as some of them did. As the Scriptures say, 'The people celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry.' And we must not engage in sexual immorality as some of them did, causing 23,000 of them to die in one day. Nor should we put Christ to the test, as some of them did and then died from snakebites. And don't grumble as some of them did, and then were destroyed by the angel of death. **These things happened to them as examples for us.** They were written down to **warn us** who live at the end of the age." 1 Corinthians 10:6-11 (NLT)*

3) Develop a **HUMBLE POSTURE,**

*"Reverence for the Lord is an education in itself. You must be **humble** before you can ever receive honors." Proverbs 15:33 (TEV)*

*"God Opposes the proud but **gives grace** to the humble." Job 4:6b (NIV)*

4) Refuse **GARBAGE INTAKE.**

*"A **wise** person is hungry for truth, while the fool feeds on trash." Proverbs 15:14 (NLT)*

5) Do what **YOU KNOW.**

*"But you, Belshazzar, his son, have **not humbled** yourself, **though you knew all this.**" Daniel 5:22 (NIV)*

THE LESSON

- ❖ If I don't humbly learn from generations before me, I will end up making the same **MISTAKES.**
- ❖ Don't be educated beyond your level of **OBEDIENCE!**