



# DANIEL

FAITH UNDER FIRE

DANIEL 1:8-21

“Drawing A Line in The Sand”



# **Drawing a line in the sand**

**to set a limit; allow to go up to a point but no further**

**A figurative boundary that someone or some group refuses to cross or beyond which no further advance or compromise is accepted. (Used especially in the phrase "draw a line in the sand.")**

**"All of life is filled with crisis and decisions. There are right decisions and wrong decisions, high roads and low roads, and almost every day there will be a fork in the road. Where you are today is due to the turn in the road that you took yesterday."**

# Daniel 1:8

**8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.**

**One compromise leads to another.  
And then to another and to another.**

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# Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all diligence,  
For out of it *spring* the issues of life.



# Proverbs 5:21

For the ways of man *are* before the  
eyes of the Lord,  
And He <sup>[a]</sup> ponders all his paths.

# Hebrews 4:13

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

# Daniel 1:9

Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.

# Daniel 1:10

And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and drink. For why should he see your faces looking worse than the young men who *are* your age? Then you would endanger my head before the king."

# **Daniel 1:11-12**

**11** So Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,  
**12** "Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink.

# **Daniel 1:13-14**

**13 Then let our appearance be examined before you, and the appearance of the young men who eat the portion of the king's delicacies; and as you see fit, so deal with your servants." 14 So he consented with them in this matter, and tested them ten days.**

**The time to resist temptation is  
before the temptation arrives.**

# **Reasons why we should purpose in our hearts to live holy lives...**

- 1. God commands it in Scripture**
- 2. Christ came into the world to make us holy**
- 3. It is evidence that you're saved**
- 4. It proves your love for God**



# **Reasons why we should purpose in our hearts to live holy lives...**

- 5. It's the only way to bless other people**
- 6. One of the only ways to be happy**
- 7. Prepares us for heaven**

# **Daniel 1:15-16**

**15 And at the end of ten days their features appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men who ate the portion of the king's delicacies. 16 Thus the steward took away their portion of delicacies and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.**

# **Daniel 1:17-19**

**17 As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. 18 Now at the end of the days, when the king had said that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. 19 Then the king interviewed them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king.**

# **Daniel 1:20-21**

**20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm. 21 Thus Daniel continued until the first year of King Cyrus.**

**When we purpose in our hearts  
that we will not be defiled with  
the king's meat, there is no telling  
what God can do for us, with us,  
and through us in our lives.**

# **Psalm 1:1-3**

**Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.**

**Say No to pre-marital and  
extramarital sex and Yes to  
abstinence!**

**Say No to alcohol and Yes to  
sobriety!**



**Say No to drugs and Yes  
to clean living!**

**Say No to bad influences and Yes  
to healthy friendships!**

**Say No to moral filth and Yes to  
the Word of God!**

**Say No to sin and Yes to Jesus  
Christ!**

**Say No to going along with the crowd and Yes to standing alone!**

**Say No to temptation and Yes to  
God!**

**Say No to cowardice and Yes to  
bold witness for Christ!**

**Say No to sexual compromise  
and Yes to waiting until  
marriage!**



**Say No to rebellion and Yes to  
obedience!**

**Say No to the chains of sin and  
Yes to freedom in Christ!**

**Thermometer**

***Or***

**Thermostat**

**Standing by a purpose true,  
Heeding God's command,  
Honor them, the faithful few,  
All hail to Daniel's band!**

**Many mighty men are lost,  
Daring not to stand,  
Who for God had been a host,  
By joining Daniel's band.**

**Many giants, great and tall,  
Stalking through the land,  
Headlong to the earth would fall,  
If met by Daniel's band.**

**Hold the gospel banner high!**

**On to victory grand!**

**Satan and his hosts defy,**

**And shout for Daniel's band.**

**Dare to be a Daniel,  
Dare to stand alone,  
Dare to have a purpose firm,  
Dare to make it known!**



# **Ichthus = The Fish**

**The word 'ichthys' is actually a Greek word for fish and was therefore adopted to go along with the symbol. You can also see in this symbol an inscription with Greek letters: IXNYY (with the N flipped) representing the acronym for:**

# Ichthus = The Fish

I----- IESOUS-----JESUS  
CH----- CHRISTOS---CHRIST  
TH-----THEOU-----OF GOD  
U-----UIOS-----SON  
S-----SOTER-----SAVIOR



# **Ichthus = The Fish**

**The fish first became associated with Christianity in around the second century AD, when it became a secret symbol used by Christians to meet. In fact, Christians felt that, as Jesus was a 'fisher of men,' the symbol was most fitting in telling fellow Christians that they wanted to get together and helping them to determine the time and place of the gathering.**

# **Ichthus = The Fish**

**In the 1st century, during the Roman persecution of Christians, the fish symbol was used by Christians in secret to indicate meeting places and worship. They could be seen on trees, doors or even graves. This symbol was also used by some pagan religions, so it did not arouse suspicion about what it really was.**

# **Ichthus = The Fish**

**Christians would draw out half of the fish into the sand and wait for the individual that they were with to respond. If nothing happened it meant the other person was not a Christian, but the symbol in the sand looked like nothing. If the other person completed the image of the fish in the sand then it was clear that they were also a Christian and that the two could communicate safely.**

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THE END

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