

Daniel, the Man and the Message

Drawing the Line in the Sand

Daniel 1:3-21

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You have to draw the line in the sand and say, "No farther will I go."
Queen Elizabeth

But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself... Daniel 1:8

The sermon in one sentence: Every follower of Christ must decide where to draw the line, and the time to decide is _____.

Three responses to living in a pagan culture:

The first is to _____ in our culture and do it with anger.

The second way to respond is to assimilate or simply _____.

And the third way is this: _____.

But we must be careful to not let the culture contaminate or destroy our identity as Christians.

How Babylon tried to steal their identity

Why Daniel drew the line at the food

Question: Were they too strict?

One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. Luke 16:10

“For it is in the small matters that great victories are won! This is where decisions to live a holy life are made—not in the big things (though they come if the little things are not neglected), but in the details of life. If Daniel had said, ‘I want to live for God in big ways, but I am not going to make a fool of myself in this trivial matter of eating and drinking the king’s food’ he would have never amounted to anything.”

James Montgomery Boice

Where do we draw the line?

Their line in the sand was this: I must _____
the Lord with all my heart, soul, mind and body. _____.

Application:

1. When asked to sin, pray for wisdom asking God to give you an alternative that you can suggest, _____.
2. Whatever God commands, _____.
3. God will reward you either in this life, _____.
4. Know the difference between _____.