

Unshakeable Unbreakable: How To Thrive In Our World Thriving When Your Faith Is Challenged

Proverbs 19:8 - "The one who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper." (NIV)

Proverbs 4:13 - "Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life." (NIV)

Proverbs 24:5 - "The wise prevail through great power, and those who have knowledge muster their strength." (NIV)

Daniel's Test: Challenges To His Faith

Daniel 1:4-5 - "King Nebuchadnezzar commanded: Select young men . . . and make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning . . . Teach these young men all the language and literature of the Babylonians . . . They are to be trained for three years, then some will serve the king after they graduate."

Daniel 1:17a - "God gave these four young men an unusual aptitude for learning the literature and science of that time."

Daniel 1:18-20 - "When the three-year training was completed, the chief official brought all the young men to King Nebuchadnezzar. The king talked with each of them, and none impressed him as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they were appointed to his regular staff as advisers! In all matters requiring wisdom and balanced judgment, the king found the advice of these young men to be ten times better than that of all the magicians and enchanters in his entire kingdom!"

How Do I Continue Learning What the World Wants Me to Learn... Without Losing My Faith?

1. Decide in advance to _____.

Daniel 1:8a - "Daniel made up his mind not to defile himself . . ."

Proverbs 1:7 - "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." (NIV)

Proverbs 15:33a - "Reverence for the Lord is an education in itself." (TEV)

Proverbs 2:6-7 - "For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." (NIV)

2. Never Stop _____.

Proverbs 18:15 - "Wise men and women are always learning, always listening for fresh insights." (Mes)

2 Timothy 2:15 - "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that isn't ashamed." (KJV)

KNOWLEDGE: Information gained from education or experience.

WISDOM: Seeing and responding to the world according to God's viewpoint.

3. _____ in God's Word.

Joshua 1:8 - "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

I must _____ the truth in order to _____
the lies.

Psalm 119:104 - "Your commandments give me great understanding. It's no wonder I can see and hate every false way of life." (NLT)

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

4. Spend more time choosing _____ than I spend choosing _____.

1 Corinthians 15:33 - "Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'" (NIV)

Proverbs 14:7 - "Stay away from a fool, you won't find knowledge on their lips." (NIV)

Ecclesiastes 10:3 - "Even as fools walk along the road, they lack sense and show everyone how stupid they are." (NIV)

Psalm 1:1 - "Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sin in the company of mockers.

5. Stay connected to a _____, a _____, and a _____.

Hebrews 10:24-25a - "...Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another..." (NIV)

Peter 2:15 - "It is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people." (NIV)

6. Remember that _____.

Matthew 5:11-12 - Jesus said: "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (NIV)