

Unshakeable Unbreakable: How To Thrive In Our World When You Need Wisdom

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Daniel 5:1-6 - King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. ² While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. ³ So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. ⁴ As they drank the wine, they praised the **gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.** ⁵ Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. ⁶ His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his knees knocked together and his legs gave way.

Daniel 5:25-31 - "This is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN ²⁶ "This is what these words mean: Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. ²⁷ Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. ²⁸ Peres: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians." ²⁹ Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom. ³⁰ That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, ³¹ and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.

DANIEL'S REPUTATION

(The queen said)

Daniel 5:12 - This man Daniel, whom the king called Belteshazzar, was found to have a **keen mind** and **knowledge** and **understanding**, and also the ability to **interpret dreams, explain riddles and solve difficult problems**. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means."

(The king said)

Daniel 5:14 - I have heard that the spirit of the gods is in you and that you have **insight, intelligence and outstanding wisdom**.

HOW CAN I BECOME WISE LIKE DANIEL?

- God used Daniel because he was wise, but wisdom is a choice.
1. Make a _____ to never stop learning.

Proverbs 23:12 - "**Commit yourself** to instruction; and tune in your ears to hear words of knowledge."

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

2. Maintain a _____ attitude that honors God.

Proverbs 15:33 - Respect for the Lord will teach you wisdom. If you want to be honored, you must be humble. NCV

3. Refuse to _____ my mind with garbage.

Proverbs 15:14 - The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly.

4. Learn the lessons of the prior _____.

Job 8:8-9 - "**Ask the former generations** and find out what their fathers learned,⁸ for we were born only yesterday and we know so little."

In your life, if you're going to be wise, you're going to need four kinds of people:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

1 Corinthians 10:6-10 - Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.⁷ Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry."⁸ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did – and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died.⁹ We should not test the Lord, as some of them did – and were killed by snakes.¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them did – and were killed by the destroying angel.

5. Put into _____ what I've already learned.

- I haven't learned it until I do it.

King Belshazzar lost everything because he failed to do this.

Daniel 5:22-23 - "You are his son and have known all this, yet you're as arrogant as he ever was."²³ Look at you, setting yourself up in competition against the Master of heaven!

BIG LESSON

If I don't humbly learn from generations before me, I will end up making the exact same mistakes.