

DANIEL

Learning To Get God's

Best For Your Life

Daniel 1



LET'S AGREE ON THINGS THAT GOD'S BEST IS NOT?

2PROAPT

- Courage = Refusing to **CONFORM** even when you're afraid.
 - ◆ Grows out of our convictions - Romans 13:20
 - ◆ Is sustained by our comrades - Proverb 27:17

3. Daniel's Life Reveals That Getting God's Best Is a **"NO-YES" Proposition.**

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."
Romans 12:2

Truth, not "Trying Harder" is the Pathway to True Spirituality.

"To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" John 8:31-32

POINT OF APPLICATION

- ◆ Consider a 3, 5, 10 day fast.
- ◆ Consider a 20 minute, daily 2 PROAPT time with God.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What/Who do you need to 'say no' to that is squeezing you into the world's mold?
2. What do you need to 'say yes' to in order to renew your mind and experience God's good, acceptable, and perfect will?

Along with your Sunday Connection, don't forget to participate in an Extended Connection Group during the week, so you can study the subject further with a small group of others.

1. Daniel's Journey **REVEALS** how to get God's best for our lives in a hostile environment.

- The Historical Setting - (1-2)
 - ◆ The Time - 605 BC
 - ◆ The Place - Babylon
 - ◆ The Reason - Deuteronomy 28-30
 - ◆ The Spiritual Climate - Wickedness
- Babylon's (world's) Gameplan to seduce Daniel's soul - (3-7)
 - ◆ Change his **THINKING**
 - ◆ Change his **WORSHIP**
 - ◆ Change his **LIFESTYLE**
- God's Gameplan to transform Babylon (the world) - (8-21)
 - ◆ **PREPARE** the next generation to change the world.
 - ◆ **POSITION** godly people in places of influence.
 - ◆ **PROSPER** those who follow His ways over the ways of Babylon (the world).

2. Daniel's Confidence in God's Promises and God's Character were the secret to his **CONVICTIONS** and **COURAGE**.

- Convictions = Refusing to **COMPROMISE** in spite of the cost.