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Title: Integrity: The Godly Alternative

Daniel & the Purposes of God ... 1

Text: Daniel 1

Introduction:

Daniel and his friends are captives in a foreign land; they are suffering the consequences of their nation NOT walking in obedience to the Lord. Now they are being put to the test! Should our Christian values be hidden from public view and only displayed on Sundays? If our faith is real it will be visible in every area of our life. Biblical integrity involves a personal honesty to what we believe, which is equally visible in our private and public life. Daniel is a wonderful model of godly integrity.

The King's Best:

1.1) Food (vs. 5) - **STRENGTH!**

Matthew 4:3 - 4

1.2) Wine (vs. 5) - **JOY!**

Ephesians 5:18 - 19

1.3) Education (vs. 5) - **UNDERSTANDING!**

Proverbs 1:1 - 7

PURPOSE - TO SERVE THE KING!

Godly Convictions:

2.1) Daniel made up his **MIND**. vs 8

“Daniel resolved”

2.2) Daniel sought **PERMISSION**. vs. 8

“Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs”

PURPOSE - NOT TO DEFILE HIMSELF!

Godly Alternative:

3.1) Checking the **MOTIVE**. vs. 10

3.2) Reasonable **TEST**. vs. 12

3.3) Observe the result and **YOU DECIDE**. vs. 13

RESULT - GOD GAVE FAVOUR TO DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS. vs. 17

God's Promises:

4.1) God has granted us everything pertaining to **LIFE!**

2 Peter 1:3 - 4

4.2) God will **PROVIDE** for us!

Philippians 4:19

4.3) God gives us His Spirit of **PEACE!**

Philippians 4:6 - 7

4.4) God gives us the **MIND** of Christ!

1 Corinthians 2:16