

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Do not conform 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.

“ Daniel A Case Study ”

True Or False...?



Daniel 1: 1-15

The Circumstances v1-3

- 1. In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.*
- 2. And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia^[a] and put in the treasure house of his god.*
- 3. Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility—*

You Are What You Eat..?

The Criteria 4a

- young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace

The Curriculum 4b

- “Make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning, are gifted with knowledge and good judgment, and are suited to serve in the royal palace.
- **Train** these young men in the language and literature of Babylon.^[e]”

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Diet v 5a “Dining Like A King

- *The king assigned them a daily ration of food and wine from his own kitchens. NIV*
- *The king also gave orders that every day they were to be given the same food and wine **as the members of the royal court.** GNT*

Training & Graduation -5b

- *They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king’s service.*

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- 6 *Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.*
- 7 *The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.*

Daniel's Dilemma **Staying right with God...?**

Think -If You Mess This Chance Up

You may be throwing away... a once in a lifetime opportunity

Think about the cost/ consequences to you & your friends?

Pleasing God is all well and good... but need to realistic here
you're a captive now and lucky to be alive in living pagan country

Daniel... beggars can't be choosers. God will understand

What's At Stake Here?

- *The king told Ashpenaz, head of the palace staff, to get some Israelites from the royal family and nobility—young men who were healthy and handsome, intelligent and well-educated, good prospects for leadership positions in the government, perfect specimens!—and **indoctrinate them in the Babylonian language and the lore of magic and fortunetelling.** MSG*

Indoctrinated

*Completely Transformed.. **from ..to***

How often do we hear

- “ we got to re-educate them change there way of thinking”

Part 2 next week