

A Be faithful. Daniel 1.

- ❖ Daniel “resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine” (Daniel 1:8 NIV). His three friends seconded that decision.
- ❖ God rewarded their loyalty in that decision with “understanding of all kinds of literature and learning.” (Daniel 1:17)
- ❖ We must be faithful in the small battles of our lives NOW. Then we’ll be able to remain faithful in the End Time. We’ll remain faithful in every circumstance only if we cling to Jesus.

B Be humble and rely on God. Daniel 2.

- ❖ Daniel didn’t know the dream or the interpretation. He showed humility and dependence on God.
 - He turned to God in prayer. He relied fully on God (Daniel 2:17-18)
 - He gave glory to God as soon as he received the dream (Daniel 2:19-23)
 - He was humble before the king and gave credit to God (Daniel 2:27-28)
- ❖ Let’s show the same humility and dependence Daniel showed by praising the cross of Christ instead of ourselves.

C Stand up for your beliefs. Daniel 3.

- ❖ The only certainty on the plain of Dura was that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego wouldn’t transgress God’s law.
- ❖ That incident is similar to the order to worship the image of the beast in Revelation 13.
- ❖ Am I willing to defend the teachings of the Bible even when my life, work, freedom or friends are threatened?

D Acknowledge God (be born again). Daniel 4.

- ❖ The king only acknowledged God’s power and authority over his life after his pride was brought down by the Holy Spirit (Daniel 4:34-37)
- ❖ Many will turn to God in the End Time as Nebuchadnezzar did. The power of the Holy Spirit in the “latter rain” and our testimony will result in many conversions as never before (Revelation 18:1)

E Worship God in every circumstance. Daniel 6.

- ❖ Why did Daniel keep praying publicly instead of doing it privately to avoid the death sentence?
- ❖ If he had prayed to God privately in that moment, he would’ve been honoring king Darius.
- ❖ In the End Time, “the beast” will be worshipped by the inhabitants of the Earth. If we remain silent and worship privately, we will be rejecting God.
- ❖ God has given us some time to get into the habit of being faithful. Then, He will strengthen us in the day when persecution and death come.