

DANIEL 1; July 9; Dare To Have Daniel's Purpose

ANALYSIS:

1. What were the qualifications the king set for the young captives Ashpenaz was to bring back to Babylon from Jerusalem?

2. Tell about the training these special captives were to receive. _____

3. What decision did Daniel make at this time?

4. How did Daniel's decision work out, and what did he eat?

5. God blessed Daniel and his three fellows so that at the end of their training they rated: (a) average, (b) in the top tenth of their class, (c) at the top of their class, (d) ten times better than the rest of the king's wise men. (Pick an answer)

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

I'd like to meet Daniel's parents! Why? Because when Daniel was separated from parents, family and God-fearing figures of authority he became a leader in living righteously. Because his convictions led him to purpose in his heart that he would not defile himself even in what he was given to eat as a captive. Because I believe his parents had trained him to love, serve and obey the LORD first no matter what happened in life. Because I would like to ask Daniel's parents about their child training methods so this helpful information could be given to parents today.

May Daniel's example encourage every father and mother to train their children by example, precept and enforcement to fear God and keep His commandments.

HELP:

1. Certain of the king's seed, princes, with no blemish, well favored, skillful in all wisdom, cunning in knowledge, understanding science, ability to stand before kings, teachable (vs 3-5).

2. Three year training program, eating the king's meat and drinking his wine (v 5).

3. Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself by eating the king's meat and drinking his wine (v 8).

4. God brought Daniel into favor with the king's officer, who agreed for Daniel to eat pulse and drink water for 10 days and see the results, which were outstanding in Daniel's favor (vs 9-16).

5. How about "d" ten time better (vs 19-20).