



#1 "GET GROUNDED"

Daniel 1:3; 5 (NIV) 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 ... The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

Daniel 1:8 (NIV) But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

Daniel 1:12-13 (NIV) Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see.

Daniel 1:15; 20 (NIV) At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. ... In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

1. Be clear about your _____.

2. Be certain about your _____.

Amos 3:3 (NKJV) Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

James 1:5 (NIV) If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

3. Be secure in your _____.

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV) "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these.

Daniel 3:6 (NIV) Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.

Daniel 3:17-18 (NIV) If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.

Daniel 3:24-25 (NIV) Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty." He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

4. Be honest about your _____.

Psalms 139:23-24 (TLB) Search me, O God, and know my heart; test my thoughts. Point out anything you find in me that makes you sad, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

5. Be _____ to your _____.

Romans 14:12 (NIV) So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Matthew 6:33 (NIV) But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.