



## #1 "KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING"

### 1. Choose your \_\_\_\_\_.

**Daniel 1:1-6 (NIV)** In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. 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 and put in the treasure house of his god. 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—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. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. 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. Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

**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.

**Matthew 7:21-23 (NIV)** Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?" Then I will tell them plainly, "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!"

**Matthew 25:23 (NIV)** His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

**Mark 8:35-37 (NIV)** For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

### 2. Choose the right \_\_\_\_\_.

*7 things to know about God's Word:*

- It is truth.

**John 17:17 (NIV)** Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

- It is perfect, pure, and precious.

**Psalm 19:7-10 (NIV)** The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

- It is reliable.

**Joshua 21:45 (NIV)** Not one of all the LORD's good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.

- It is powerful.

**Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)** For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

- It is eternal.

**Psalm 119:89 (NIV)** Your word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

- It is good.

**Hebrews 6:5 (GW)** They experienced the goodness of God's word and the powers of the world to come.

- It is useful.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**2 Timothy 3:14-15 (NIV)** But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ on course.

**1 Samuel 15:22 (NLT)** But Samuel replied, "What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams."

**Isaiah 1:19 (NIV)** If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land.

**James 1:22 (NLT)** But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ to course.**

**Zechariah 1:3 (NIV)** Therefore tell the people: This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Return to me," declares the LORD Almighty, "and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty.

**Hosea 14:2 (NIV)** Take words with you and return to the LORD. Say to him: "Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips."

**Luke 15:20 (NIV)** So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."

**5. Watch out for \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)** Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

**1 Corinthians 16:13 (NIV)** Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

**6. \_\_\_\_\_ the process.**

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**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 (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.

**Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)** Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.