

STRONGMEN AND Legacy Makers

A Godly Man's Approach to Life! ...Daniel 1-2

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." ...Matthew 5:16 (ESV)

• "Christianity is not about how to escape from the difficulties of life - it is about how to face the difficulties of life." ~ Alistair Begg

• "One compromise here, another there and soon enough the so-called Christian and the man in the world look the same." ~ Aiden Wilson Tozer

• "To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement." ~ Saint Augustine

Words of Wisdom

1. Setting the Scene...

Scripture: Daniel 1 and 2, 2Chronicles 36, 2Kings 23:28 to 25:21

2. Living through Opposition and Discouragement...

◆ Facing Life's Difficulties... (Begg Quote)

• **Difficulty:** Daniel 1:5 and 7 **Response:** Daniel 1:8

• **Difficulty:** Daniel 2:12-13 **Response:** Daniel 2:14, 2:18-19, 2:27-28

◆ Maintaining a Godly Mindset... Refusing to Compromise... (Tozer Quote)

• Romans 12:1-2

• 1John 2:15-17

• 1Peter 1:13-19

3. Strength and Peace in Every Situation...

◆ Courageous Character... (Augustine Quote)

• Philippians 4:6-9

• 2Corinthians 4:7-9

• Philippians 4:11-13

◆ How it looked for Daniel...

• Daniel 2:19, 2:27-28, 2:47-49

Group Discussion

1. Last week we talked about some of the challenges, temptations, or choices that you have wrestled with, either currently or in the past, and the importance of resolving to not defile yourself any longer by continuing to compromise in those areas...

How have you applied the things you learned and/or discussed last week, and what have been some of the noticeable results? ...Give Examples

2. What have you learned over the past 6 months (or so) regarding how to best deal with unexpected difficulties and discouragements? ...Give Examples

3. How can we avoid conforming to influential and worldly environments around us, and live according to our Lord's standards and way? (reference 1John 2:15-16 and 1Peter 1:13-19)
...Describe Specific Practical Steps that we can take

4. What did you hear or learn from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

Prayer

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)