

“The Courage to be Different”
The Life of Daniel
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Scripture Reading – Daniel 1:8-20

Areas of Possible Compromise?

1. A new place to live. (1:1-2)
2. A new language. (1:4)
3. A new name. (1:7)

Areas Daniel did not want to compromise

1. New gods to worship. (1:2,8)
2. New diet (1:8)
 - Connected to idolatry?
 - Loss of distinction as a nation?

Principles to follow –

1. Pray for God’s wisdom. (James 1:5) (Daniel 1:17; 2:18)
2. Appeal to Authority. (Daniel 1:8-9)
3. Take time to observe the fruit of actions taken. (Daniel 1:12)
4. Be willing to accept the consequences. (Daniel 1:13)

Application:

1. What areas of compromise should you consider that would be helpful in fulfilling God’s will for your life? (Better able to share Christ? Or relate to certain people? Etc.)
2. What areas of your life do you need to be courageous in taking a stand? How does the life of Daniel help you in your decision making this week?