



The Foundations of an Unshakeable Life

Daniel 1:8-21

INTEGRITY – Always remembering who you are.

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Do not be shaped by this world; instead be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect. Romans 12:2

DISCIPLINE/DETERMINATION – In-Control of, rather than Controlled by, your appetites

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COURAGE – The Willingness to Be Different

You must not follow a crowd in wrongdoing. Exodus 23:2

Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13

RESPECTFULNESS – Recognizes the Rights and Roles of Others

So Daniel said to the guard whom the chief eunuch had assigned to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, 12 "Please test your servants for ten days. Let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. 13 Then examine our appearance and the appearance of the young men who are eating the king's food, and deal with your servants based on what you see."

WHEN PRESSED, REMEMBER...

1. God is with you.

God had granted Daniel kindness and compassion from the chief eunuch. Daniel 1:9

2. God is in you.

Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought at a price. So glorify God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

3. What God has Promised You

We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

No temptation has come upon you except what is common to humanity. But God is faithful; he will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to bear it. 1 Corinthians 10:13