

Father's Day 2022:

How to Grow Hair on Your Chest Daniel 1:1-16

1. Be a man of _____.

Conviction = _____ belief that produces _____.

Bedrock beliefs don't change because of:

- _____ (vv.8-10)
- _____ (vv.1-5)
- _____ (Dan 3,6)

To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

¹⁸ At the end of the time set by the king to bring them in, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. ²⁰ 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.

Daniel 1:17-20 (NIV)

The LORD also said to Moses, ² "Look, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, grandson of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. ³ I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, intelligence, and skill in all kinds of crafts.

Exodus 31:1-3 (NLT)

"Bezalel, Oholiab, and the other craftsmen whom the LORD has gifted with wisdom, skill, and intelligence will construct and furnish the Tabernacle, just as the LORD has commanded."

Exodus 36:1 (NLT)

For the LORD grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 2:6 (NLT)

2. Be a man of _____.

Character = able to make the _____ call even if it _____ you.

It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, ² with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. ³ Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. ⁴ At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. ⁵ Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

Daniel 6:1-5 (NIV)

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

Daniel 6:10 (NIV)

So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Daniel 6:28 (NIV)

*The integrity of the upright guides them,
but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.*

Proverbs 11:3 (NIV)

QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU PRACTICE IN THE DARK THAT WILL BRING EITHER BLESSING OR DESTRUCTION ON YOU?

3. Be a man of _____.

Consciousness = Being _____ that what you _____ and what you _____ do, will _____ others.

When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact. ¹⁵ He asked the king's officer, "Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?" Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel. ¹⁶ At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him.

Daniel 2:14-16 (NIV)

Then Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to execute the wise men of Babylon, and said to him, "Do not execute the wise men of Babylon. Take me to the king, and I will interpret his dream for him."

Dan 2:24 (NIV)

thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of

my hands. ⁷ For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:3-7 (NIV)

Our fathers sinned and are no more,
and we bear their punishment.

Lamentations 5:7 (NIV)

You are loving and kind to thousands, though children suffer for their parents' sins
(Jeremiah 32:18, NLT).

QUESTION: CAN YOU NOTICE ANY BEHAVIOR IN THOSE YOU LOVE THAT ARE A DIRECT OR INDIRECT RESULT OF YOUR ACTIONS, GOOD OR BAD?