

**JULY 31, 2022**  
**DANIEL 1:8-21**  
**DANIEL DETERMINED . . .**

**PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

Daniel's desire was to please God; this was his resolve: to be courageous, determined, and obedient. If he had not, we would not know his name or his story today.

Even in the face of the nation's discipline for disobedience, God protected those who were faithful to obey and trust Him. This may well be good/helpful information in the coming days for all of God's children who live in nations that have turned their backs on the Lord God.

These 4 men whom the king was preparing for his service were, in reality, being prepared for God at the king's expense. Always strive to think things through from a biblical perspective. God is in the details.

At the end of the 3 years preparation the four Hebrews greatly exceeded all the rest in every way, "he found them ten times better" is an "idiom" simply meaning many times.

The kings used people who served as magicians—those who practiced the occult. Enchanters— those who were likely exorcists. Sorcerers—those who would cast a spell to bewitch. Astrologers who were of—a priestly class of Babylonian religion. Diviners—who sought to bring about something in the fate of others. The people who were able to do this type of service for the king were called "wise men" sound familiar? The king was looking for safety & security everywhere but in the one place in which that kind of security and hope can possibly be found, the One True God.

**Application:**

When one is in God's will, He is committed to take care of them; out of His will, one is on his/her own. Today it is said, got to cheat just a little to get ahead, got to look out for self, no matter what. Daniel refused to compromise, how about you? Think what would happen if God's people would draw the line where God draws the line! What if all of God's people would commit to the standard, it doesn't matter how all the rest play the game, I will walk in my integrity? If Daniel had not done this, we would never have heard about him. What will your legacy be?

Meditate on this, "When a person's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. **Proverbs 16:7** (CSB) Got peace?"