

*"For the Lord's sake, submit to all human authority—whether the king as head of state,<sup>14</sup> or the officials he has appointed...<sup>15</sup> It is God's will that your honourable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you...Fear God, and respect the king." 1 Peter 2:13-17*

### 1. Be faithful to God in everything

*"But Daniel was determined not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king." Daniel 1:8a*

...then God will do his part!

*"Now God had given the chief of staff both respect and affection for Daniel." Daniel 1:9*

### 2. Be courageous and persistent

*"But he responded, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has ordered that you eat this food and wine. If you become pale and thin compared to the other youths your age, I am afraid the king will have me beheaded." <sup>11</sup> Daniel spoke with the attendant who had been appointed by the chief of staff to look after Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. <sup>12</sup> "Please test us for ten days on a diet of vegetables and water," Daniel 1:10-12*

...then expect God to move!

*"At the end of the ten days, Daniel and his three friends looked healthier and better nourished than the young men who had been eating the food assigned by the king." Daniel 1:15*

*"The king talked with them, and no one impressed him as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they entered the royal service." Daniel 1:19*

### 3. Use your God given gifts

*"When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, came to kill them, Daniel handled the situation with wisdom and discretion." Daniel 2:14*

...and watch God use you.

*"Daniel went at once to see the king and requested more time to tell the king what the dream meant." Daniel 2:16*

### 4. Depend upon God

*"He urged them to ask the God of heaven to show them his mercy by telling them the secret, so they would not be executed along with the other wise men of Babylon." Daniel 2:18*

...wait for God's answer.

*"That night the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision." Daniel 2:19a*

### 5. Always give God the credit

*"Then Daniel praised the God of heaven. <sup>20</sup> He said,*

*"Praise the name of God forever and ever, for he has all wisdom and power.*

*<sup>21</sup> He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings.*

*He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars.*

*<sup>22</sup> He reveals deep and mysterious things and knows what lies hidden in darkness,*

*though he is surrounded by light. <sup>23</sup> I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors, for you have given me wisdom and strength. You have told me what we asked of you and revealed to us what the king demanded." Daniel 2:19-23*

*"Daniel replied, "There are no wise men, enchanters, magicians, or fortune-tellers who can reveal the king's secret. <sup>28</sup> But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the future." Daniel 22:27-28*

...receive God's well done!

*"He made Daniel ruler over the whole province of Babylon, as well as chief over all his wise men." Daniel 2:48b*

*"For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come." Hebrews 13:14*