



“Stand Out”

Courageous Series

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“The king ordered the chief of his court officials, to bring into the king’s service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility – young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king’s palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king’s table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king’s service.” Daniel 1:3-5

*“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can **take your stand**.” Ephesians 6:11*

If you’re never standing out, & always blending in, then you’re not truly committed to follow Jesus, because when you follow Him, you’ll be different, you’ll be set apart.

- The word “**Holy**” means “to be **SET APART**”, to stand out if you’re truly following Jesus.

“Among those who were chosen ... from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.” Daniel 1:6-7

*“But Daniel **resolved not to defile himself** with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.” Daniel 1:8*

Your success in many different areas of life, will be determined by what you **DECIDE AHEAD OF TIME**.

“...a ten day diet of only vegetables and water.” Daniel 1:12

- *“Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see.’ So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days. At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food.” Daniel 1:13-15*

“The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.” Daniel 1:19