

"Resolve Not to Compromise"

Part one of the series *"Shine: Being a Light Right Where You Are"*

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"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." (Matthew 5:14-16 NLT)

How to boldly shine for God without compromising to cultural norms: (Daniel 1:6-20 NLT)

Be fully aware of who you are in God.

"Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen, all from the tribe of Judah. The chief of staff renamed them with these Babylonian names: Daniel was called Belteshazzar. Hananiah was called Shadrach. Mishael was called Meshach. Azariah was called Abednego." (Daniel 1:6-7 NLT)

Make predetermined resolutions based on Godly convictions.

"But Daniel was determined not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king. He asked the chief of staff for permission not to eat these unacceptable foods." (Daniel 1:8 NLT)

In compromising situations, seek wisdom to respond in the right way.

"Daniel spoke with the attendant who had been appointed by the chief of staff to look after Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. ¹²'Please test us for ten days on a diet of vegetables and water,' Daniel said. ¹³'At the end of the ten days, see how we look compared to the other young men who are eating the king's food. Then make your decision in light of what you see.' ¹⁴The attendant agreed to Daniel's suggestion and tested them for ten days." (Daniel 1:11-14 NLT)

"If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking." (James 1:5 NLT)

Being excellent opens opportunities for influence.

"The king talked with them, and no one impressed him as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they entered the royal service. Whenever the king consulted them in any matter requiring wisdom and balanced judgment, he found them ten times more capable than any of the magicians and enchanters in his entire kingdom." (Daniel 1:19-20 NLT)

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