

"Resolve"

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

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"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16 ESV)

Daniel 1:1-20 ESV

Resolve to find your identity in Christ, not in the world. (Daniel 1:1-7 ESV)

Resolve in advance to honor God no matter what.

"But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank." (Daniel 1:8 ESV)

Resolve to be a light by honoring and being respectful.

"...Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself. And God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs..." (Daniel 1: 8-9 ESV)

Resolve to be a light by striving for excellence and not compromising.

"Then Daniel said to the steward...¹²'Test your servants for ten days; let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king's food be observed by you, and deal with your servants according to what you see.' ¹⁴So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them for ten days. ¹⁵At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's food. ¹⁶So the steward took away their food and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables." (Daniel 1:11-16 ESV)

As we honor God, He grants us favor and honor from man.

"As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. ¹⁸At the end of the time, when the king had commanded that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹And the king spoke with them, and among all of them none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore they stood before the king. ²⁰And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters...in all his kingdom." (Daniel 1:17-20 ESV)

"Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people." (1 Peter 2:13-15 ESV)

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