

1Co 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God.

1Co 2:2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

1Co 2:3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.

1Co 2:4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

1Co 2:5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

*Dan 1:3 Then the king instructed Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king's descendants and some of the nobles,*

*Dan 1:4 young men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who had ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans.*

*Dan 1:5 And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of that time they might serve before the king.*

*Dan 1:6 Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.*

*Dan 1:7 To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego.*

### *Daniel's Faithfulness*

*Dan 1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.*

*Dan 1:9 Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.*

Isa 8:18

Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel From the LORD of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion.

# 3 WAYS THE KING TRIED TO MAKE THE 4 BOYS COMPROMISE

## 1 DIET - Dan1v5

1st area of change the Nebuchadnezzar tried to bring change to these young men –

what am I feeding off? Man of the flesh or man of the spirit..... What is my mind feeding off?

For my MIND determines how I walk.....

*The enemy knows we have to be delivered Head first.... When birthing anything new or fresh in our lives we must birth it head first. Feet first (breach) run without wisdom fall into a trap*

(Prov23v7) *For as a man thinks in his heart so is he....*

**Rom8v5** *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

**The god of this world wants to change the diet of the saints to get them to eat those things he presents and cause them to Not value their birthright – *Esau - Gen25 sold his birthright***

## **2<sup>nd</sup> IDENTITY**

Changed name (lose identity) - WORLD LABELS YOU

**Daniel** signifies “**God** is my Judge.”

This name they changed into Belteshatstsar; in Chaldee, “The treasure of Bel (Baal)

**Hananiah** - **Lord** is gracious - Shadrach = God is the author of Evil

**Mishael** - he who comes from **God** - Meshach = servant of sin

**Azariah** - **God** has helped – Abednego—slave of Nebo (wisdom) I don't need God

**HE TRIED TO REMOVE THE GOD FACTOR OUT OF THERE IDENTITY**

## **Dan 1:8**

*But Daniel **purposed in his heart** that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself*

The greatest most powerful ruler in the east never counted on a group of boys That had a heart of purpose and conviction  
And when one stands for righteousness and purpose God releases FAVOR over ones life

## **Dan 1:9**

***Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.***



### **3<sup>rd</sup> REMOVE PURPOSE**

Makes you want give it away, lose vision and purpose desiring the boys to act out what he called them – And serve the creature (created) rather than the creator.

#### **Dan 3:14 -30**

Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up?"

V15 Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?"

*:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.*

*:17 If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.*

*:18 But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."*

Dan 3:19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that they heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.

20 And he commanded certain mighty men of valor who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, and cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their trousers, their turbans, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

22 Therefore, because the king's command was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, *the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego.*

23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king."

Dan 3:25 "Look!" he answered, "*I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.*"

Dan 3:26 Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spoke, saying, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here." Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego came from the midst of the fire.

Dan 3:27 And the satraps, administrators, governors, and the king's counselors gathered together, and *they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them.*

Dan 3:28 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "*Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God!*"

Dan 3:29 Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; because there is no other God who can deliver like this."

Dan 3:30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the province of Babylon.