





"Having convictions can be defined as being so thoroughly convinced that Christ and His Word are both objectively true and relationally meaningful that you act on your beliefs regardless of the consequences." – Josh McDowell

WHAT WERE DANIEL'S NON-NEGOTIABLES?

1. HIS <u>IDENTITY</u>.

"Now among them from the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Then the commander of the officials assigned new names to them; and to Daniel he assigned the name Belteshazzar, to Hananiah Shadrach, to Mishael Meshach, and to Azariah Abednego." vs. 6-7

"And he gave me instruction and talked with me, and said, 'O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding." Dan. 9:22

"But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase." Dan. 12:4

"And He said, 'Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time."

Dan. 12:9

2. HIS <u>PURITY</u>.

"But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself." vs. 8

"...'Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him; because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?" (Thus He declared all foods clean.) And he was saying, 'That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man." Mark 7:18-20

"...Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. And it came about after these events that his master's wife looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, 'Lie with me.' But he refused and said, 'Behold, with me here, my master does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my charge. There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil, and sin against God?" Gen. 39:6-9

"But the Lord was with Joseph and extended kindness to him..." Gen. 39:21

APPLICATION FOR ME:

What is your identity? Are you secure in who you are in Christ?

It's often the choices made by young men and women which may set the course for their life. Will you commit to pray for our college students?

Is there a need for you to separate from that which defiles?

"'I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate,' says the Lord. 'And do not touch what is unclean; and I will welcome you. And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me.' Says the Lord Almighty. Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1

"Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, if a man cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work." 2 Tim. 2:20-21

