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Bible Study

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“Making the Most of Where You Are in Life”

Daniel 1:15-21

John 17:12 reads, "During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me. I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one hit it for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold." (NLT) This verse records the faithfulness displayed by Jesus as a steward over the disciples. The Bible is full of examples where individuals were effective with what God assigned to them. There are many elements that can contribute to one being a faithful and fruitful steward regardless of the trials they encounter. This lesson is designed to share key factors to make the most of where you are in life.

Breakdown of Daniel Chapters 1 and 2

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| 1. Daniel's <u>Determination</u> | Verses Daniel 1:1-12 |
| 2. Daniel's <u>Interpretation</u> | Verses Daniel 2:1-45 |
| 3. Daniel's <u>Elevation</u> | Verses Daniel 2:46-49 |

1. Your **Habitude** _____ is a key factor to help you make the most of where you are in life.

Daniel 1:11-16

“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.” 14 The attendant agreed to Daniel’s suggestion and tested them for ten days. 15 At the end of the ten days, Daniel and his three friends looked healthier and better nourished than the young men who had been eating the food assigned by the king. 16 So after that, the attendant fed them only vegetables instead of the food and wine provided for the others.”

(NLT)

2. Your **Aptitude** _____ is a key factor to help you make the most of where you are in life.

Daniel 1:17

“God gave these four young men an unusual aptitude for understanding every aspect of literature and wisdom. And God gave Daniel the special ability to interpret the meanings of visions and dreams.”

(NLT)

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3. Your **Fortitude** _____ is a key factor to help you make the most of where you are in life.
Daniel 1:18, 19
“When the training period ordered by the king was completed, the chief of staff brought all the young men to King Nebuchadnezzar. 19 The king talked with them, and no one impressed him as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they entered the royal service.”
(NLT)
4. Your **Attitude** _____ is a key factor to help you make the most of where you are in life.
Daniel 2:12-14
“The king was furious when he heard this, and he ordered that all the wise men of Babylon be executed. 13 And because of the king’s decree, men were sent to find and kill Daniel and his friends. 14 When Arioch, the commander of the king’s guard, came to kill them, Daniel handled the situation with wisdom and discretion.”
(NLT)
5. Your **Gratitude** _____ is a key factor to help you make the most of where you are in life.
Daniel 2:19-23
“That night the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven. 20 He said, “Praise the name of God forever and ever, for he has all wisdom and power. 21 He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars. 22 He reveals deep and mysterious things and knows what lies hidden in darkness, though he is surrounded by light. 23 I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors, for you have given me wisdom and strength. You have told me what we asked of you and revealed to us what the king demanded.”
(NLT)

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