

More Lessons From The Lion Tamer

**What will you do
when life gets hard?**

Daniel 1:1-7

:1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.

:2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his God.

:3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;

:4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

:5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

:6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

:7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego.

Read Daniel 1:1-7

Vs. 1 They took their land

Vs. 2 They took what was sacred

Vs. 3 Took their children

Vs. 4-5 They taught them false
things

Vs. 6-7 They stole their identity

Have a Plan

Live according to purpose

Daniel 1:8

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

Have a Plan

Live according to purpose

Before the crises

Daniel 1:9

Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

Psalm 56:2-4

:2 Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most High.

:3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

:4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Proverbs 3:5-6

:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Have a Plan

Live according to purpose
Before the crises

Share and educate the plan
Have a answer

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear;

Have a Plan

Live according to purpose
Before the crises

Share and educate the plan

Have a answer

Back it up with proof

Daniel 1:11

Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

Stick to the plan

Practice what you preach

Daniel 1:12

Prove thy servants, I beseech thee,
ten days; and let them give us pulse to
eat, and water to drink.

Stick to the plan

Practice what you preach

Let the proof speak for its self

Daniel 1:13

Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

Psalm 37:23

The steps of a good man are ordered
by the LORD: and he delighteth in his
way.

Stick to the plan

Practice what you preach

Let the proof speak for its self

Keep a tight hold

Daniel 1:14

So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

Psalm 37:24

Though he fall, he shall not be utterly
cast down: for the LORD upholdeth
him with his hand.

Reap the reward

Honor God, God will Honor
you

Daniel 1:17

As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

Psalm 37:25-28

:25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

:26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

:27 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.

:28 For the LORD loveth judgment,
and forsaketh not his saints; they are
preserved for ever: but the seed of the
wicked shall be cut off.

Reap the reward

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You

The results are amazing

Daniel 1:18-19

:18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

:19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.

Reap the reward

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You

The results are amazing
It's a God thing

Psalm 37:30-31

:30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

:31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

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You

The results are amazing

It's a God thing

He gets the glory

Daniel 1:20-21

:20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

:21 And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.