

Change Fast!

Our Mission: To take as many people to Heaven as we can before we die. Period.

1. Change your surroundings.

Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, his chief of staff, to bring to the palace some of the young men of Judah's royal family and other noble families, who had been brought to Babylon as captives. "Select only strong, healthy, and good-looking young men," he said. "Make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning, are gifted with knowledge and good judgment, and are suited to serve in the royal palace. Train these young men in the language and literature of Babylon." The king assigned them a daily ration of food and wine from his own kitchens. They were to be trained for three years, and then they would enter the royal service. **Daniel 1:3-5 NLT**

2. Change your friends.

Daniel 1:6-7 NLT: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen, all from the tribe of Judah. The chief of staff renamed them with these Babylonian names:

Daniel was called Belteshazzar.

"God is my Judge" changed to "protect the life of the king."

Hananiah was called Shadrach.

"Yahweh is gracious" changed to "I am fearful."

Mishael was called Meshach.

"Who is like the Mighty One" changed to "I am despised."

Azariah was called Abednego.

"Yahweh has helped" changed to "Servant of Nebo." (Nebo, a set fate)

3. Change what you consume.

But Daniel was determined not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king. He asked the chief of staff for permission not to eat these unacceptable foods...Please test us for ten days on a diet of vegetables and water...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." ...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...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. When the training period ordered by the king was completed, the chief of staff brought all the young men

to King Nebuchadnezzar..no one impressed him as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they entered the royal service. **Daniel 1:8,12-18 NLT**

Message Notes: The Holy Bible, New Living Translation, English Standard Version. Bible Knowledge Commentary, by Walvoord, John F., Zuck, Roy B., Dallas Theological Seminary. The New American Commentary: Daniel, by Miller, Stephen R. Willpower Doesn't Work, by Benjamin Hardy. Change Anything, by Kerry Patterson, Joseph Grenny, David Maxfield, Ron McMillan, and Al Switzler.