

ARE YOU LEARNING FROM THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE YOU?

Life of Daniel: Thriving in the Tests of Life — Part 7

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DANIEL'S REPUTATION

(The queen said) "This man Daniel . . . has a sharp mind and is filled with knowledge and understanding. He can interpret dreams, explain the meaning of mysteries and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what it means."
Daniel 5:12

(The king said) "I have heard that the Spirit of God is in you, that you possess brilliant knowledge and extraordinary wisdom."
Daniel 5:14

"Always remember what you have learned. Your education is your life, so guard it well."
Proverbs 4:13 (TEV)

HOW CAN I BECOME WISE LIKE DANIEL?

1. _____
"Commit yourself to instruction; and tune in your ears to hear words of knowledge."
Proverbs 23:12

"If an ax is dull and its edge is unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success."
Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV)

"Do yourself a favor and learn all you can; then remember what you learn and you will prosper."
Proverbs 19:8 (TEV)

2. _____
"Ask the former generations and find out what their fathers learned, for we were born only yesterday and we know so little."
Job 8:8-9

"These things occurred as examples to warn us and keep us from wanting to do the same evil thing they did. For Scripture says that we should avoid drunken parties, sexual immorality, and worshiping things that aren't God . . . We should not test the Lord's patience or grumble and complain as some did and died . . . These things happened as examples and were written down as warnings for us . . ."
1 Corinthians 10:6-11

3. _____
"Reverence for the Lord is an education in itself. You must be humble before you can ever receive honors."
Proverbs 15:33 (TEV)

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
James 4:6b (NIV)

4. _____
"A wise person is hungry for truth, while the fool feeds on trash."
Proverbs 15:14 (NLT)

5. _____
King Belshazzar lost everything because he failed to do this.

Daniel said, "King Belshazzar, even though YOU KNEW all that happened to your 'father' (Nebuchadnezzar) you DIDN'T LEARN from his life and you STILL REFUSED to humble yourself (before God) who rules from heaven."
Daniel 5:22

King Belshazzar made 3 fatal mistakes

THE LESSON

If I don't humbly learn from generations before me,

I will end up _____

"Some people have missed the most important thing in life – they don't know God!"
1 Timothy 6:21a (LB)