



Consistency
Message 1

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► **Outline**

But Daniel was determined not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king. ... **Daniel 1:8a (NLT)**

Christian consistency is living my life conformed

to _____ truth.
(2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 John 2:3-4)

A. Background
(Daniel 1:1-2)

B. Living consistently in a changing culture:
(Daniel 1:3-16)

- 1. Recognize _____ to _____.**
(Daniel 1:3-7. C/R: John 15:19; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:7-8; 1 John 2:15-17)
- 2. Refuse _____ to _____.**
(Daniel 1:8-16. C/R: Romans 12:2; Colossians 4:5-6; Titus 2:12; 1 Peter 2:12)
- 3. Rely on _____ for _____.**
(Daniel 1:17-21. C/R Psalm 55:22; Proverbs 29:25; Matthew 6:33; James 1:2-4)

Answers: biblical **B. 1.** pressure, conform **2.** humbly, compromise **3.** God, results

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.



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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or by yourself to pursue a relationship with Jesus. Check out other Bible study tools at biblegateway.com, biblestudytools.com, or bible.com. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

Think back to when you were first on your own. What new adjustments did you have to make?

Opening in Prayer

Trust in the LORD with all your heart

And do not lean on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge Him,

And He will make your paths straight. [Proverbs 3:5-6 \(NASB\)](#)

Spend a few moments in prayer, asking God to guide your time in His Word.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Daniel 1:1-7](#).

1. Imagine what it would have been like for the Jews to be in exiled to Babylon. How does the writer describe what happened? What would this have been like for them? What might they have felt?
2. What specific tactics were used in an attempt to conform Daniel and his friends to Babylonian culture?
3. How do these tactics parallel the pressures Christians face today in a secular (non-Christian) society?
4. What are some significant ways Christians have given up or given in to the values of secular culture in our day? How has the world stolen our hearts and minds?
5. What happens when we allow the world to have influence over us?

Read [Daniel 1:8-21](#).

6. Why were the food regulations of the Old Testament law so important to Daniel?
7. How can we as Christians today determine which activities we'll engage in and which ones we won't?
8. What factors gave Daniel and his friends the ability to live with such extraordinary integrity and strength?
9. What are specific ways we can encourage and help strengthen *each other* to remain faithful and devoted to God?
10. How is God speaking to you through this scripture?

Soul Training

Name one practice that, if incorporated into your regular routine, would have the greatest positive impact on your life. Pause and ask God to speak to you about this. Ask Him to give you the strength and desire to build this habit into your everyday life.

Memory Verse

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[Daniel 1:8a \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Daniel 1:1-7](#)

Day 4: [1 Peter 2:12](#)

Day 2: [Daniel 1:8-21](#)

Day 5: [Colossians 4:5-6](#)

Day 3: [Titus 2:12](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, February 3, we'll continue our series in the book of Daniel, titled *Living in a Foreign Land*. To prepare for the message, read [Daniel chapter 2](#).



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