

THE HARDEST WORD

Building Blocks For A Significant Life - Part 1

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Daniel 1: 8-9, 17-20

HOW TO LIVE A DISCIPLINED LIFE...

1. PLAN IN ADVANCE.

"But Daniel made up his mind not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king. He asked the chief official for permission to eat other things instead." Daniel 1:8 (NLT)

*"The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty."
Proverbs 21:5 (NIV)*

"So don't ever worry about tomorrow. After all, tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:34 (GW)

2. ENLIST SUPPORT FROM OTHERS.

"The King talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azeriah..." Daniel 1:19 (NIV)

*"Two people can accomplish more than twice as much as one; they get a better return for their labor. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble."
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NLT)*

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

3. BE BALANCED.

"To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds." Daniel 1:17 (NIV)

*"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."
Luke 2:52*

What is balanced growth?

- **Intellectual Growth**
- **Physical Growth**

■ Spiritual Growth

■ Relational Growth

4. TRUST IN THE LORD.

"...as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God"
Daniel 6:10 (NLT)

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit", says the Lord Almighty." Zechariah 4:6 (NIV)

"For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose."
Philippians 2:13 (NIV)