

# GOD'S WAY IS ALWAYS THE RIGHT WAY

## Family Devotion — Lesson 79

### MEMORY VERSE — 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.”***

- Daniel had purposed (planned) in his heart that he would follow God's way no matter how much pressure was put on him. The king of Babylon wanted Daniel to eat and drink things that would not be pleasing to God. Daniel did not want to defile himself. This meant that he didn't want to become impure, corrupted, or unclean in God's eyes.
- There are some things we should remember to help us go God's way:
  - 1) Purpose in your heart to follow God no matter what.
  - 2) Be willing to be in the minority as you follow God.
  - 3) Fear God more than you fear man.
  - 4) Know that you affect others as they are watching you.
  - 5) God's instructions in His word are always better than the world's instructions.
  - 6) God will reward you for doing right.
  - 7) Faith in God empowers you to follow God.
- The king of Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar) was the most powerful man in the world at this time, “but Daniel” (v. 8) had the most powerful person in his heart... God almighty! When you purpose in your heart to follow God and do right, no one can stop you!
- *“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me”* (Phil. 4:13).



### QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Have you ever been inspired or encouraged by watching another Christian take a stand for God? Explain.
- Daniel cared more about what God thought than what others thought. How did this help him please God?
- How would you define faith and why did Daniel need it in this situation? (The king could have killed him.)



### PRAYER TIME

- Pray for God to clear your heart so you can fill it with His purpose.
- Ask God to help you to have courage to do right, even if others are doing wrong.
- Thank God for giving us the example of Daniel to follow.



### CHALLENGE

- What chapter in the book of Psalms teaches us about following our Shepherd? Read it out loud once you find it.