



Part 1: "Choices!"

Text: Daniel 1; Selected Scriptures

[1] Like Daniel, We Can Choose Not To Be A _____!

Verse 8 --

*But Daniel was **determined** (made a choice) not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king...*

- We determine who or what we will _____!
- We determine the _____ of our life!

[2] Like Daniel, We Can Choose _____!

- Daniel 1:11-16

Galatians 6:2;5 (NIV)

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ ... [5] for **each one should carry his own load (burden).***

[3] Like Daniel, We Can Choose To _____!

Daniel 1:2 (NLT)

*The **Lord gave** (King Nebuchadnezzar) victory over King Jehoiakim of Judah and **permitted him** to take some of the sacred objects from the Temple of God.*

Daniel 1:9 (NLT)

*Now **God had given** the chief of staff both respect and affection for Daniel.*

Daniel 1:17 (NLT)

*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.*

- Believers can relax because of God's _____!
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James 1:2-4 (Message)

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. [3] You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. [4] So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

Genesis 50:20 (NLT)

*You **intended** to harm me, **but God intended** it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.*