

# Daring to be different. Daniel 1:8

God's people were challenged by the fact that they had been taken away from their homes to live in an ungodly place.

Notice the response from Daniel and his friends.

1. Their identity was being threatened. V.4

A. Name change and new way of thinking. V.4&7

B. To question their purpose.

C. To cause them to wonder why they were there.

2. Their integrity was being threatened. V.8

A. Not wanting to defile their bodies. Lev. 17:10

B. They wanted to stay clean before God.

C. Their spiritual values were being tested. Act. 5:29

3. Their influence was being a testimony. V. 9&10

A. Their faith grows as they see God's hand on them. V 9 & 15

B. They looked different than the others. V 15

C. That God gave knowledge and insight. V 17

Application for us today.

1. It's easy to go along with the group but that doesn't make it right.

2. It's important to have a good support group. Prov. 27: 17

3. Being different is not a bad thing. 1Pe.2:9

4. Knowing who you are is most important. Gal. 2:20

5. Trusting that God will sustain you. Pas.55:22

6. Wherever God has put us we're there to influence others.