

WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING

The following textual study shows what can take place when a man cultivates a fear of God and purposes to walk in God's wisdom and understanding.

DAN 1:8 But **Daniel purposed in his heart** that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king' meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he

DAN 1:17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and **Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.**

DAN 1:20 And **in all matters of wisdom and understanding**, that the king enquired of them, **he found them ten times better** than all the magicians *and* astrologers that *were* in all his realm.

When we obey God's voice in every area of life even in what we eat and purpose to live the way God wants us to live, God will give us great wisdom. To receive His counsel is to receive His wisdom. God's wisdom and His gifting are given in order that the believer can minister more effectively to the unbeliever.

ACT 20:24 But none of these things move me, **neither count I my life dear unto myself**, so that **I might finish my course** with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, **to testify the gospel of the grace of God.**

COL 1:25 Whereof **I am made a minister**, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you **to fulfil the word of God;**

Paul purposed to finish his God given ministerial work. (Act 20:24) and to fulfil the Word of God (Col 1:25)

In essence "his life was not his own, he was bought with a price".

JN 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, "**If a man love me**, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, **and make our abode with him.** "

DAN 3:28 Then **Nebuchadnezzar spake**, and said, **Blessed be the God** of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king' word, **and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.**

There are many “flesh” gods in the world’s system. Let’s not yield our bodies to the God of the “FLESH”. Nebuchadnezzar recognized that the three men had God’s favour on them. Having seen the miracle of their deliverance from the oven (v.25) he recognises the Son of God as the fourth person.

DAN 3:25 He answered and said, Lo, **I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.**

Nebuchadnezzar personally expressed praise for the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (v.28) one must ask how a heathen king recognized Christ (the Son of God) as the fourth person standing inside the fiery furnace. This insight was obviously God given for Nebuchadnezzar had no knowledge of God.

DAN 5:11 There is a man in thy kingdom, **in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him;**

We will be favoured and recognized as people who possess great wisdom when we purpose to use the God given gifts that God has given us.

1 PET 4:10 As every man **hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another**, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

11If any man speak, **let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth:** that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

This was certainly not the Peter of old that constantly needed correction for saying the wrong thing. Let us read (1Pet 4:11) “let him speak as the oracles of God” and “of the ability which God giveth”. I believe God can give us His “Word wisdom.”

- a) Be one who is a light in a dark place.
- b) Be one who possesses understanding.
- c) Be one who speaks wisdom in the fear of God.

JOB 28:28 And unto the man he said, Behold, **the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.**