"Success in life does not depend on the dreams we dream, but on the choices we make."

—GEORGE SWEETING

"Lord, when I am wrong, make me willing to change; when I am right, make me easy to live with. So strengthen me that the power of my example will far exceed the authority of my rank."

—PAULINE PETERS

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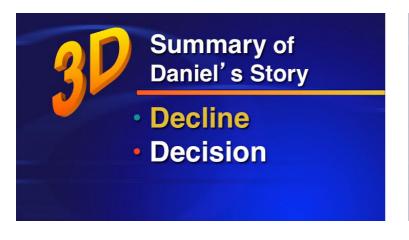
INFLUENCE:

"The act or power of producing an effect without apparent exertion of force or direct exercise of command."

Summary of Daniel's Story

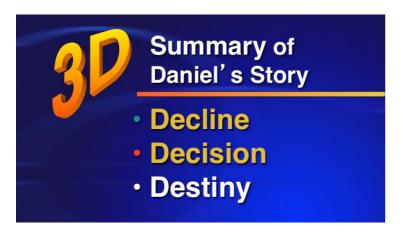
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But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. DANIEL 1:8

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Individuality

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"To be nobody-but-yourself in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody-else means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight, and never stop fighting." —E.E. CUMMINGS

"No man ever yet became great by imitation."

-SAMUEL JOHNSON

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Individuality Manners

"You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you odd."

-FLANNERY O'CONNOR

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Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and good will of the chief of the eunuchs.

DANIEL 1:9

Individuality
Manners
Priorities

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"The discipline to prioritize and the ability to work toward a stated goal are essential to a leader's success." —JOHN MAXWELL

3 Tests to Help Keep Edge on Life Priorities:

Evaluate

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- Evaluate
- Eliminate

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- Evaluate
- Eliminate
- Estimate

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Do not be misled:
"Bad company corrupts
good character."

I CORINTHIANS 15:33

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Individuality
Manners
Priorities
Associations
Character

"Character is power."

-BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

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"As traditionally understood, from the Hebrews and Greeks onward, character is the inner form that makes anyone or anything what it is—whether a person, a wine, or a historical period."

"Thus character is clearly distinct from such concepts as personality, image, reputation, or celebrity.

Applied to a person, it is the essential "stuff" he or she is made of, the inner reality in which thoughts, speech, decision, behavior, and relations are rooted."

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"As such, a character determines behavior just as behavior demonstrates character. One's character, therefore, lies deeper than philosophies, allegiances, memberships, or accomplishments—even deeper than virtues."

"Just as a nation's constitution expresses its fundamental character and makeup, so a person's character expresses most deeply what constitutes him or her as a unique individual."

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"Character, as rooted in the Greek word for the graphic symbol depicting a hallmark or other distinguishing sign, is the indelible stamp on a person beneath all masks, poses, disguises, and social veneers."

-OS GUINNESS, When No One Sees

"Try not to become a person of success, but rather a person of value."

-ALBERT EINSTEIN

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"A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches."

PROVERBS 22:1

"Distance tests a horse's strength. Time reveals a man's character."

-CHINESE PROVERB

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"My life shall touch a dozen lives
Before this day is done.
Leave countless marks of good or ill,
E' re sets the evening sun.

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This, the wish I always wish,
The prayer I always pray:
Lord, may my life help others lives
It touches by the way.



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