

Daniel did not run out in anger because of what they were offering, nor did he curse and shout at the prince of the eunuchs. Instead, he requested that this provision be lifted and that he would be allowed to partake of something else. We should never tolerate sin and refuse every time Satan offers us its' delicious dish. We must remember that it is possible to reject sin without sinning ourselves. Notice that Daniel had a reputation to hold, and it would have been ruined if he had sinned (c.f. Proverbs 22:1; Titus 2:8; 1 Peter 3:16). Instead of answering with anger, he answered with patience, something of which all of us could use more. Remember, kindness is a link to faithfulness (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:12; c.f. 2 Peter 1:7).

Daniel shows us that preparation should precede the situation. "He who fails to plan is planning to fail" (Winston Churchill). When it comes to planning, it is essential that people do so, else things will not get done. Daniel did not fail to plan. He knew the Law, so he did not sin (Psalm 119:11). We must prepare ourselves for the coming temptations of sin. Sin will come, but if we are not armed (Ephesians 6:11-17), we will be killed. If we do not prepare, we may end up being like unprepared Uzzah (2 Samuel 6) instead of a developed Daniel.

It is true that young people look up to older people. In fact, Scripture teaches numerous times that the older generation is to instruct the younger (c.f. Deuteronomy 6:7; Titus 2). But, it is also true that the older can be encouraged by the younger. Let us encourage our youth, be an example to all, and open our hearts, for we might learn a few things from those much younger.

References.

¹Webster, Allen. Bible marking idea, MSOP "Daniel class notes," 2022.

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"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

November 13, 2022

Lessons from a Teenager

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"We are not the future of the church; we are the church." This was said by one of the most encouraging young persons that I know, and behind these words are found some deep truths that we must remember. Young people have such an influence on those around them. Their peers, their friends, their families, and even those older than them see their qualities and note their characteristics. Young people are not just the church of the future, but they actually play an important role in the church presently. Paul wrote to the young preacher Timothy, telling him not to let anyone despise his youth (1 Timothy 4:12). Young people are vital and essential to the church's growth, and we should not disregard their work, influence, character, and example. One of the greatest examples of a young person's faithfulness is found in Daniel 1:8, with the young teenager Daniel. At this time, Daniel is likely around fifteen years old and has been taken into Babylonian Captivity. Is it even possible that from a young teenager, we are able to learn some eternal truths? As one preacher said, "absolutely positively!"

Daniel shows us that he knew right from wrong at an early age.¹ It is essential that parents teach their children the difference between right and wrong (Deuteronomy 6:7; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4). Mr. and Mrs. Daniel are to be given props for their teaching, as are all parents who bring their children up in the ways of the Lord. Interestingly, Timothy was taught the Scriptures while he was a young baby (2 Timothy 3:15), and our Lord was but twelve years old when he astonished the doctors (Luke 2:42, 46-47). Secularly, Daniel should not have wasted his time with such fallacious fallacies. Instead, he should have been playing, jumping, enjoying life, and being a child. However, despite his age, he was already knowledgeable enough to know the difference between right and wrong. He knew that the king's meat was not to be partaken of by a Jew. He knew that he would have defiled himself if he were to take part in this worldly dish. How did he know this? Through the reading of the Law of Moses. Daniel was able to differentiate sin and keep himself pure. Are we studied in the Scriptures to know the who, what, when, where, why, and how of sin? If not, O brother and sister, beware!

Daniel shows us that refusal must be cuffed with kindness. The word "requested" shows this very important truth. **(Continued on Back Page)**

Memory Verse

Pray without ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:17(ESV)

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HEART-TO-HEART

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Rhea (friend of Fern Baker), Justin Billings (husband) & Mason Billings were in a car accident. Mason will be in a wheelchair and Rhea will be having multiple surgeries (the extent of Justin's injuries are unknown). Rhea's mom, Leisha Sowheaver, passed away in the accident.

Congratulations to Michelle Bailey (grandmother) and Cheryl Shirey (great aunt) on the birth of Delilah Maeve Bailey (6 lbs 9 oz, 18.5 in long), born October 25th to Cody & Kristen Bailey.

Owen Olbright, a former preacher, passed away November 3rd.

Joanne Lampkin (Denon & Tom Weaver) passed away.

J.L. May (Becky Rice) is having eye surgery

Linda Bates is in the hospital in Warren after a fall and some confusion.

Roger Harris has a chronic cough

Levi Daris has stage 4 cancer and pneumonia and is in the hospital.

Paula Wilson's trial went well, and she is feeling no pain - the next step is to have it implanted per-

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- Special Contribution for Jayceon Charles - Today
- Singing & Fellowship - Tonight
- Ladies Class - Wednesday @ 10 am
- UAM Battle of the Buildings—11/1-30

Heart-To-Heart cont'd...

manently.

Eddie Calvert is in the hospital with issues from the previous hospital stay.

Ann Bolden has been battling colon cancer and has been moved to hospice.

Candace Carter is still undergoing treatments.

Winnie Roberts is in need of prayers.

Marty Baker met with a neurologist Friday - they are traveling back from Minnesota.

Jerry Lawrence has been taken him off the experimental drug - remember his family.

Judy Beard has received a diagnosis for a type of eye disease. Pray that the effects of this disease are delayed as long as possible.

Benita Forrest is managing her own health issues while trying to care for others - this can be a stressful ordeal. Pray for her comfort.

Keep Lori Smith's (Cheryl Shirley) pregnancy in your prayers that she and the baby remain healthy.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



November	14	Mindy Erwin
	15	Pam Beard
		Ryan & Stacy Usry
	16	Leah Bryant
	19	Dillon & Sarah Rabb
	20	Shirley Fisackerly
	22	John & Karla Rice
	23	Judy Beard
		Monty Meier
		Corey & Holly Dial
	28	Jeremy Wilson



UAM BATTLE OF THE BUILDINGS

An effort to provide snacks for the students at UAM. There is a list of goods needed and more details in the foyer (Green Slip of Paper). See Brad Tolbert for details or questions.

LADIES' NIGHT

November 15th @ 6 pm at the house of Anna Koonce.

PARAGOULD CHILDREN'S HOME

To Contribute see Stacy Usry or Shirley Fisackerly

MONTICELLO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

December 1 - we will be opening doors in the morning drop off line

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & FELLOWSHIP

December 4th, after evening services, carols at the Koonce house. Bring your favorite finger foods and carols to sing.

ANY CALENDAR/BULLETIN ADDITIONS, UPDATES, OR FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS CAN BE SENT TO:

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Daily Bible Reading Schedule

13	Luke 19-21
14	Luke 22-24
15	John 1-3
16	John 4-6
17	John 7-9
18	John 10-12
19	John 13-15



NURSERY

Communion Preparation

Nov 13	Sara Newton
Nov 20	Jessica Pettigrew
Nov 27	Jessica Pettigrew
Dec 04	Lori Rabb

Ladies October Duties

Cards:	Jessica Pettigrew
Food:	Carolyn Ashcraft Fran Calvert

Attendance

Bible Class	89
Sunday AM Worship...	113
Sunday PM Worship	76
Wed. Evening	81
Contribution	\$4,929.85

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