



## Life Lessons from the Book of Daniel Chapters 1-6

At what price are people willing to sell out their claimed convictions? How far will people bend before they abandon their moral standards for some personal gain? We live in a day of compromise. However, our God is the uncompromising God. God never compromises an absolute. God never compromises a principle.

Daniel chapter one, is a great example of young men who would bend to a point, but they would never do anything to compromise their faith. There was a line they would not cross and defile themselves and dishonor God. It's a great lesson for us. How far will we bend before we say enough is enough! Daniel 1.

Can we survive testing? Bend but not break? Daniel and his friends 3 testing's:

- #1) Destroy everything that Daniel and friends knew of God. Wipe out their heritage, wipe out God. Nebuchadnezzar's plan was to reeducate, redefine, and a reorientation to living according to a Chaldean lifestyle.
- #2) Changed all their names from godly names to Chaldean pagan names.
- #3) Seduce them by their appetites, make them feel obligated to eat from the king's table so they can never go back to believing in the God of Judah's provision.

How did Daniel and his three friends respond to their testing? The first two testing's they accepted, the third they wouldn't. Why? Because eating pagan food violated God's laws and defiled the person who ate. It was a line Daniel would not cross. He would bend on certain things, but he wouldn't compromise on defiling himself and dishonoring God.

To live an uncompromising life, we'll have to make commitments to draw a line in our lives - where the Word of God draws them. (Daniel 1)

An uncompromising life does:

1. An uncompromising life creates unashamed boldness (vs. 8)
2. An uncompromising life creates uncommon standards.
3. An uncompromising life brings unearthly protection from God (vs. 9).  
*God protects those who make a commitment to Him. As soon as you compromise, you begin to forfeit that unearthly protection. The more you compromise the more you may find you're on your own.*
4. An uncompromising life gives way to unhindered persistence (vs. 10-11)
5. An uncompromising life leads to an unblemished faith (vs. 12-14)  
*Unblemished faith allows us to have tremendous confidence to do good things in God's name.*
6. An uncompromising life and God will give unmeasurable blessings (vs. 17).
7. An uncompromising life brings with it unlimited influence (vs. 21)

*An uncompromising life with unashamed boldness and uncommon standards brings unearthly protection from God giving us unhindered persistence and an unblemished faith which leads to unmeasurable blessings and now you are have unlimited influence.*

We must only compromise to the point where we don't defile ourselves and bring hurt to God. Here's the point; bending comes naturally, many times we have too. But drawing the line to honor God and not compromising our relationship with Him and His glorification in us is supernatural. It requires faith, strength, trust and obedience, all which come from our heavenly Father. That's how to have an uncompromising life.

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