

Ebenezer Youth Fellowship

Building a Christian Life Without Compromise (4) – The Example of Integrity: Daniel
Text: Daniel 1:1-16

1. Essentials of Integrity

To know Christ intimately
A commitment to the Word of God
A desire to live a godly life

2. The Best and the Brightest chosen for Babylonian Empire (v.3-4)

- Intellectual qualifications
- New education
- Learning new disciplines
- Receiving new names

3. Drawing the Line – taking a stand for Scriptural integrity (v.8)

You must draw lines of conviction when Scripture draws them.

Many Christians tend to waver and give ambiguous explanations regarding the reasons for abstaining from certain secular activities.

4. Characteristics of Integrity

- a) An unashamed boldness (v.8b) – Daniel did not take the easy way when presenting his stand to Ashpenaz.

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe. Proverbs 29:25

- b) An uncommon standard (v.8a) – Believers who live uncompromising lives will invariably set standards that exceed the norm
- c) A heavenly protection (v.9) – God is in control of everything

Too many believers worry about what people will say or do if they take a stand on godly principles.

- d) An unhindered persistence (v.10-11) – Daniel's perseverance is a contrast to what many display in giving up at the first sign of resistance. An uncompromising spirit of integrity never gives up. Daniel's convictions were firm and settled.
- e) An unblemished faith (v.12-13) – God will honour the faith that stand for His truth against sin and error

Discussion Questions:

1. Name a secular activity that crosses the line against Scriptural truth,
2. Who are the people you fear that causes you to compromise? What must you do to avoid this snare of the fear of man in your life?