

# “Standing Firm In Your Convictions”

Lesson Text: **Daniel 1:1-21.**

## **I. Convictions Will Be Tested.**

- **Daniel 1:3-7.** Daniel Was Removed From Everything Familiar To Him.
  - Taken From His Homeland.
  - Separated From His Family.
  - Immersed In A Pagan Culture.
- The Babylonians Tried To Change:
  - Their Home.
  - Their Education.
  - Their Culture.
  - Their Identity.
- Daniel’s Convictions Were Tested.
  - Would He Go Along, To Get Along?
  - He Determined Not To Defile Himself.
  - He Did Not Budge On His Convictions.

## **II. Convictions Must Be Settled Before The Test Comes.**

- **Daniel 1:8.** *“But Daniel purposed in his heart....”*
  - Before The Pressure.
  - Before The Temptation.
  - Before The Compromise.
  - Before The Test.

## **III. Standing Firm Requires Obedience Over Convenience.**

- **Daniel 1:8-16.**
  - Daniel Refused To Compromise, Respectfully.
  - Conviction Doesn’t Require Rudeness.
  - Daniel Offered A Godly Alternative.
  - There Is A Big Difference Between Submission & Compromise.

## **IV. God Honors Loyalty**

- **Daniel 1:17-20.**
  - They Were Loyal To Their Faith & Convictions.
  - God Blessed Daniel And His Friends.
  - God Sees Faithful Service.

## **V. Faithfulness To Our Convictions Has Influence.**

- **Daniel 1:21.**
  - Daniel’s Influence Lasted For Decades.
  - One Faithful Person Can Make A Difference!
  - The World Needs Examples Of Steadfast Faith.