

**Daniel 1:8**

**A PURE PROPHET FOR PERILOUS/POLUTED TIME  
(HOW TO BE BOLD WITHOUT BEING A SNOB)**

Can a man/woman be true to Godly behavior without being personally repulsive to the ungodly with whom he or she must deal in life?

Yes!

But it may not always be so,

Why?

- (1) Some will oppose for personal reasons. It may be their way of personal advancement.
- (2) Some will oppose for moral reasons. Their personal enslaving guilt will fight against moral righteousness and freedom in another. It is their effort at feeling good about themselves. They will attempt to feel bad about the good and the godly.
- (3) Some will oppose for no reason. They simply do not have a reason not to oppose. They have not been taught they they need not oppose. Opposing is their natural thing.

But what we learn from Daniel - The Pure Prophet for a time, is that theology is a way to life holy without being a snob.

Daniel 1:9 tells us that God brough Daniel into favor and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

Here is what we learn from Daniel's way:

1. THE PURPOSE OF A PURE HEART - v. 8a
2. THE REQUEST OF A HUMBLE SPIRIT - v. 8b
3. THE FAITHFULNESS OF AN EFFECTIVE GOD - v. 9
4. PATIENCE WITH A FRIEND'S DILEMNA - v. 10

## **DANIEL 1:1-4**

It is remarkable:

1. From the standpoint of the critics
  - Hardly any portion of Daniel has been left untouched by its critics.
  
2. From the standpoint of its contents:
  - There is the prophetic telling of events which are now history, and others yet to be.
    - There is drama and there is intrigue
    - There is sin and there is holiness
    - There is joy and there is sadness.
    - There is tribulation and there is triumph.
    - There is affirmed reality that cannot be denied - and there is prophetic vision not yet understood
  
3. From the standpoint of conviction:
  - Men who disdained the wrath of a king rather than pollute themselves with impure diets.
  - Men who risked a fiery furnace rather than conform to corrupted worship.
  - A man who chose a den of lions rather than the sacrifice of his daily prayer.