

ARE YOU LEARNING FROM THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE YOU? Unshakable! - Part 7

Daniel 5:1-5 “King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and they all got drunk. While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his predecessor had taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem. He thought it would be fun to drink using these goblets intended for the worship of God. So they used the cups, laughing and making toasts to all the pagan gods and idols. Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared in the royal banquet hall and began supernaturally writing on the plaster walls of the royal palace. The king, and all the guests watched this hand as it wrote.”

Daniel 5:6 “When the king saw this it scared him to death. His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his knees knocked together and his hips gave way.”

Daniel 5:25 “This is the message of the hand writing on the wall: Mene, Mene, Tekel, Parsin.”

Daniel 5:29-31 “Then King Belshazzar commanded that a royal purple robe be put on Daniel, and a gold chain was put around his neck and the king named Daniel to be the third highest ruler in the kingdom. It’s another promotion. He’s now the third highest in the kingdom. But that very night Belshazzar was slain, and Darius the Mede took over his kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.”

Daniel 5:12 (The queen said) “This man Daniel . . . has a sharp mind and is filled with knowledge and understanding. He can interpret dreams, explain the meaning of mysteries and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what it means.”

Daniel 5:14 (The king said) “I have heard that the Spirit of God is in you, that you possess brilliant knowledge and extraordinary wisdom.”

Proverbs 4:13 (TEV) “Always remember what you have learned. Your education is your life, so guard it well.”

HOW CAN I BECOME WISE LIKE DANIEL?

1. Make a commitment _____.

Proverbs 23:12 “Commit yourself to instruction; and tune in your ears to hear words of knowledge.”

Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV) “If an ax is dull and its edge is unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success.”

Proverbs 19:8 (TEV) “Do yourself a favor and learn all you can; then remember what you learn and you will prosper.”

Proverbs 23:12 “Pay attention to your teacher and learn all you can.”

2. Learn the lessons of _____.

Job 8:8-9 “Ask the former generations and find out what their fathers learned, for we were born only yesterday and we know so little.”

1 Corinthians 10:6-11 “These things occurred as examples to warn us and keep us from wanting to do the same evil things they did. For Scripture says that we should avoid drunken parties, sexual immorality, and worshipping things that aren’t God . . . We should not test the Lord’s patience or grumble and complain as some did and died . . . These things happened as examples and were written down as warnings for us. . . .”

3. Maintain a humble _____.

Proverbs 15:33 (TEV) “Reverence for the Lord is an education in itself. You must be humble before you can ever receive honors.”

James 4:6b (NIV) “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

4. Refuse to fill _____.

Proverbs 15:14 (NLT) “A wise person is hungry for truth, while the fool feeds on trash.”

5. Put into practice _____.

Daniel 5:22 Daniel said, “King Belshazzar, even though YOU KNEW all that happened to your ‘father’ (Nebuchadnezzar) you DIDN’T LEARN from his life and you STILL REFUSED to humble yourself (before God) who rules from heaven.”

If I don’t humbly learn from the generations before me, I will end up making the same mistakes.

1 Timothy 6:21a (LB) “Some people have missed the most important thing in life – they don’t know God!”