

Daniel: Counter Culture Man

Introduction

1. **Daniel got along in his culture:** Jer. 29:4f
2. **But he has standards, convictions, boundaries.**
3. **And yet he is respectful:** “please...”
4. **And he is excellent:** “test me...deal with me according to what you see...”
5. **He also has some pals and comrades.**
6. **He knows what no one else knows:** he has a word from God.
 - He can see the future: the Messiah...the kingdom.
 - He has a radically different worldview.
7. **He is a deliberate influence...**he moves others into places of influence.
8. **He is hated:** men are jealous and want to see him fall.
9. **But he is morally excellent, beyond reproach.**
10. **He is disciplined in private with God...** 3 times daily.
11. **He is willing to die rather than deny his faith.**
12. **He thus discovers a strength that he never knew existed.**
13. **And he will be such for an entire lifetime.**
14. **He left a legacy for the next generation:** Ezekiel 28:3