



**Sermon Outline
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**Don't Conform
to the World**

Daniel 1

*** Before blessing there's always a _____.**

Proverbs 17:3 - The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the heart.

God tests us with stress before he trusts us with success.

God's Growth Gameplan: _____ now, play later.

The Devil's Short-cut: Play now, _____ later.

Daniel's first test: The _____ test.

Vs. 8a - But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine.

Four character qualities that God blesses:

1. _____ . He never forgot who he was.

Romans 12:2 - Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Do I want to be like the world, or do I live in a way that makes the world want to be like me?

2. _____ . He controlled his ego and his appetite.

2 Timothy 1:7 - For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Romans 14:17 - For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

3. _____ . He was willing to stand alone.

If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything.

Exodus 23:2 - Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd.

1 Corinthians 16:13 - Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

4. _____ . He was thoughtful with authority.

You're rarely persuasive when you're abrasive.

Matthew 23:12 - For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

*** Four things to remember when attempting to swim upstream against the current of culture:**

1. I have Jesus _____ me.

Matthew 28:20b - And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

2. I have the Holy Spirit _____ me.

1 John 4:4 - You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

3. I have the promises of God _____ me.

2 Corinthians 1:20a - For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ.

4. I have the family of God _____ me.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 - Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

*** Life is a _____, a trust and a temporary assignment.**