



Series: Topical
Passage Daniel 1:1-21
Title: Purposed In Heart
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Discussion Starter – How did Daniel’s purposed heart serve him in the circumstance he faced? How would a purposed heart serve you in a difficult circumstance?

Daniel Taken to Babylon - (Daniel 1:1-7)

- Why did God choose a 70 year punishment period of exile for the Jewish nation? Read 2 Chronicles 36:17-21. What additional insights does this passage give us on the reason for Israel’s captivity?
- What does king Nebuchadnezzar’s instructions to Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, reveal about the king and his plan for these young men?
- What were the methods the king used in his plan to convert these selected individuals to become cultural Chaldeans? Why do you think he would even be interested in having Jewish advisors?
- What three areas of Jewish heritage and religion do we see under attack by Nebuchadnezzar’s plan?
- How are we as Christians today feeling a similar attack on our beliefs by the current push to mold our culture into that which would cause us to defile ourselves?

Daniel’s Faithfulness – (Daniel 1:8-21)

- What enable Daniel to purpose in his heart not to defile himself with the king’s delicacies?
- What are some of the things you have purposed in your heart to not defile yourself before the LORD? How does the LORD bring to your awareness things that you should purpose in your heart and how has that changed or progressed over time?
- What do we learn about Daniel by the plan that he comes up with and presents to the head eunuch about not eating the king’s delicacies?
- How does God respond to Daniel’s obedience to observe His word? What do you see being reveals by the way God equips and gifts each of these four young men?
- Read Daniel 2:19-23 and Genesis 41:28-38. What are some parallels we see in these passages in both Daniel’s and Joseph’s lives that indicate their hearts were fixed on God?
- What does it mean to you to have a heart fixed on God?