

crossing his arms and refusing to eat, Daniel asked permission to take a different nutritional approach. When the official refused, Daniel pursued his goal with a polite request to someone else: "Please test your servants for ten days" (v.12).

We can learn from this young man, who took a bold stand for God by asking permission instead of making demands. There is no trace of arrogance in his behaviour.

Gentleness and respect are to characterize our testimony to an unbelieving world. We are not to compromise our commitment to Christ, but we are to be ready to answer anyone who asks about our hope (1 Pet. 3:15-16). Our witness for Christ, therefore, is to be lived and spoken boldly, yet gently and respectfully.

When it's time to take a stand, let's follow Daniel's powerful example of courage combined with courtesy. --DCM

*Dare to be a Daniel,  
Dare to stand alone!  
Dare to have a purpose firm!  
Dare to make it known! --Bliss*

**It's easy to stand with the crowd; it takes courage to stand alone.**



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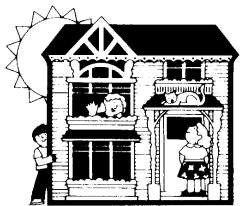
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### Courage And Courtesy

*Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink. --Daniel 1:12*

I have always admired the boldness, courage, and conviction of Daniel. Recently I was struck by the way he stood for his principles in a pagan culture. The Bible tells us that Daniel "purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself" with food and drink that God said was forbidden for Jews, so he asked his captors for another menu (Dan. 1:8). Instead of





# Our Home

## Children and Covid Crazyness I

**1 Corinthians 10:13** No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

We can suggest 5 crucial responses during the time of Covid testing:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, Job
- #1. Job had \_\_\_\_\_, 1:1-3
- #2. But Job lost \_\_\_\_\_, 1:20, 2:7
- #3. Job was surrounded by \_\_\_\_\_, 2:9, 4:8, 34:7-8
- #4. So Job lost \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, 2:3, 10:1-2
- #5. So Job had to have his \_\_\_\_\_ restored, 38:1-7, 40:1-2, 42:1-3

**Deuteronomy 6:6-7** — 6 “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

### 2. Trusting the \_\_\_\_\_,

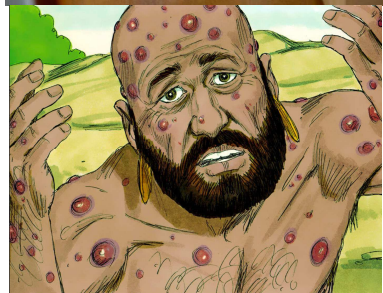
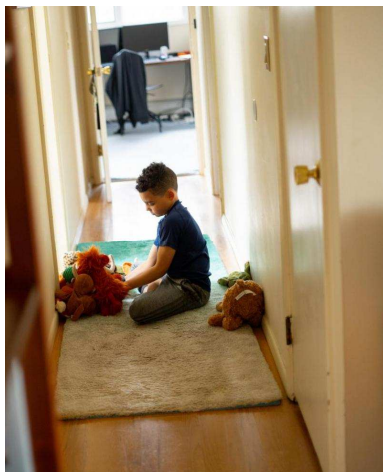
**2 Timothy 3:16-17** — 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**2 Peter 1:3** — 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

**Romans 13:1** — 1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

**Acts 4:19** — 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.

**Hebrews 10:24-25** — 24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.



### 3. Wisdom in considering \_\_\_\_\_, Daniel 1:3-5, 8-16, 6:10,16, 3:17-18

Daniel’s appeal was good because:

- #1. He had gained \_\_\_\_\_,
- #2. His motive was for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- #3. His \_\_\_\_\_ was right
- #4. He had \_\_\_\_\_ on his side
- #5. He gave \_\_\_\_\_,
- #6. He was \_\_\_\_\_ in his request
- #7. He had \_\_\_\_\_ for objections



**James 1:5-6** — 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

**James 3:17** — 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

- ☐ Is it \_\_\_\_\_?
- ☐ Is it \_\_\_\_\_?
- ☐ Can I \_\_\_\_\_?
- ☐ Is it \_\_\_\_\_?
- ☐ Does it have the other \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit?
- ☐ Is it \_\_\_\_\_?
- ☐ Am I \_\_\_\_\_?

