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Bold: Learning To Live With An Audacious Faith! Pt.3

Daniel 1:4-5, 17-20

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Proverbs 24:5: The wise prevail through great power, and those who have knowledge muster their strength.

Proverbs 23:23: Buy the truth and do not sell it—wisdom, instruction and insight as well.

Proverbs 4:13: Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.

Daniel 1:4: ...young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. 5The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service... 8But Daniel resolved not to defile himself...

Daniel 1:17: To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning... 18At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. 19The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. 20In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

How To Excel In Your Education Without Losing Your Faith:

1: *Decide In Advance To Stand For God* REGARDLESS

-Daniel 1:8: Daniel resolved not to defile himself...

-2 Timothy 3:12: In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

-1 Timothy 6:20: Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, 21which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.

2: *Never Stop Growing And* LEARNING

-Proverbs 2:6: For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. 7He holds success in store for the upright, He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless...

-Proverbs 18:15: The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.

-Proverbs 19:8: The one who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper.

3: *Bathe Yourself In* GOD'S WORD

-Joshua 1:8: Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

-Psalm 119:104, I gain understanding from Your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

-Psalm 119:99, I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on Your statutes.

4: *Choose Other Believers As Your* BEST FRIENDS

-1 Corinthians 15:33: Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

-Proverbs 14:7: Stay away from a fool, for you will not find knowledge on their lips.

-Psalm 1:1: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers...

5: *Stay Connected To Church, A Small Group, And A* MINISTRY

-Hebrews 10:24: And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all

the more as you see the Day approaching.

6: *God Will Reward You For Your FAITHFULNESS*

-Matthew 5:11: "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.

12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Cottonwood Creek Challenge:

Three ways you can grow a bold faith with us in the next 7 weeks; 1) Attend every worship service or watch it online; 2) Find a Life Group or Home Group for the next 7 weeks; 3) Follow along with my daily devotion on building a bold faith.

Other Verses To Read:

Proverbs 15:33: Wisdom's instruction is to fear the LORD, and humility comes before honor.

2 Timothy 2:15: Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Proverbs 15:14: The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly.

Ecclesiastes 10:3: Even as fools walk along the road, they lack sense and show everyone how stupid they are.

1 Peter 2:15: For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.

Philippians 2:9: Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Proverbs 1:7: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.