

UNSHAKEABLE

AGAINST ALL ODDS

When Your Beliefs Are Belittled

“Do yourself a favor and learn all you can; then remember what you learn and you will prosper.” -Proverbs 19:8

“Wisdom brings strength, and knowledge gives power.” -Proverbs 24:5

“... Your education is your life so guard it well.” -Proverbs 4:13b

Daniel's Third Test: The Test of Your Faith

“Select only strong, healthy, and good-looking young men,” he said. “Make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning . . . train these young men in the language and literature of Babylon . . .” They were to be trained for three years, and then some would enter the royal service.” -Daniel 1:4-5

“God gave these four young men an unusual aptitude for understanding every aspect of literature and wisdom.” -Daniel 1:17

“When the three-year training was completed, the chief of staff brought all the young men to King Nebuchadnezzar. The king talked with them, and no one impressed him as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah. So they entered the royal service. Whenever the king consulted them in any matter requiring wisdom and balanced judgment, he found them ten times more capable than any of the magicians and enchanters in his entire kingdom!” -Daniel 1:18-20

How To Excel In Your Education . . . and not lose your faith.

1. Decide in _____ to stand for God.

“Daniel made up his mind not to defile himself . . .” -Daniel 1:8a

“Start with God—the first step in learning is bowing down to God; only fools thumb their noses at such wisdom and learning.” -Proverbs 1:7

“Reverence for the Lord is an education in itself.” -Proverbs 15:33

2. Never stop _____ .

“Wise men and women are always learning, always listening for fresh insights.” -Proverbs 18:15 (MSG)

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed.” -2 Timothy 2:15

“Those who get wisdom do themselves a favor, and those who love learning will succeed.” -Proverbs 19:8

Knowledge: Information you gain from education or experience.

Wisdom: Seeing and responding from God's viewpoint.

3. _____ myself in God's Word.

"Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do." -**Joshua 1:8**

I must _____ the truth in order to _____ the lies.

"Your commandments give me great understanding. It's no wonder I hate every false way of life." -**Psalms 119:104**

"A wise person is hungry for knowledge while the fool feeds on trash." -**Proverbs 15:14**

4. Choose _____ as my closest friends.

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

"Stay away from fools, or you won't learn a thing." -**Proverbs 14:7**

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

"Happy are those who reject the advice of evil people, who do not follow the example of sinners or join those who have no use for God." -**Psalms 1:1**

5. Stay _____ to a church, a Community Group and a ministry.

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another." -**Hebrews 10:25**

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

6. Remember that God will _____ me.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." -**Matthew 5:11-12**