


# #1 GET READY

Daniel 1:1 (NLT) During the third year of King Jehoiakim's reign in Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

Daniel 1:3-7 (NLT) Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, his chief of staff, to bring to the palace some of the young men of Judah's royal family and other noble families, who had been brought to Babylon as captives. "Select only strong, healthy, and good-looking young men," he said. "Make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning, are gifted with knowledge and good judgment, and are suited to serve in the royal palace. Train these young men in the language and literature of Babylon." The king assigned them a daily ration of food and wine from his own kitchens. They were to be trained for three years, and then they would enter the royal service. Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen, all from the tribe of Judah. The chief of staff renamed them with these Babylonian names: Daniel was called Belteshazzar. Hananiah was called Shadrach. Mishael was called Meshach. Azariah was called Abednego.

**1. PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO _____-_____ _____ IN YOUR LIFE.**

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NIV) These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Proverbs 22:6 (AMP) Train up a child in the way he should go [teaching him to seek God's wisdom and will for his abilities and talents], Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV) Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

Ephesians 6:4 (NIV) Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

*What are the spiritual duties of parents?*

- To _____ and _____.
- To be an _____.
- To _____.
- To _____.

Ephesians 6:1-2 (NIV) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—

Proverbs 1:8-9 (NLT) My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's instruction. What you learn from them will crown you with grace and be a chain of honor around your neck.

**2. APPLY YOURSELF DILIGENTLY IN YOUR _____ _____.**

**Irresponsibility in present assignments = missed opportunities in the future.**

**Conscientiousness in present assignments = increased opportunities in the future.**

Luke 16:10 (NLT) "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities."

**3. _____ YOUR _____ CAREFULLY.**

Proverbs 13:20 (NLT) Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

Proverbs 12:26 (NIV) The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

2 Corinthians 6:14 (NIV) Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

**4. DEVELOP YOUR _____, _____, AND _____.**