

Sermon Notes form Dean for EFC of State College October 31, 2021

The Big Test: Daniel chapter One

The players:

- 1. Nebuchadnezzar = Nebo is chief protector**
- 2. Daniel: God is judge**
Belteshazaar: Bel protects the King
- 3. Hananiah: God has been gracious**
Shadrach: Command of Aku
- 4. Mishael: Who is what God is...Who is like God?**
Meshach: Who is what Aku is
- 5. Azariah: God has helped me....helped by Yahweh**
Abednego: servant of Nebo

Why were they here in Babylon? Read Jeremiah 29: 4-12

The test: To be defiled or not to be defiled

How did Daniel do this test:

- 1. Respectful, Polite. Daniel 1:8**
- 2. Sincerity & Integrity: Daniel1:9 like Joseph in Genesis 39**
- 3. Humility: Daniel 1:10-16**
- 4. Strong work ethic Daniel 1:20**

Application: Daniel's example: He stood his ground and didn't break God's law

Purpose not to defile yourself....II Tim 3:1-5

Work, Neighborhood, schools, families...people are watching

****Stand our ground with clear convictions and do it with respect, tastefully so that people will see your life and ask questions and want to get your take on the things that matter. Prov 16:7 and I Peter 3:13-17**