

Starting the New Year off Right

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I. _____

But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official permission not to defile himself this way.

Daniel 1:8 (NIV)

“Firmness of _____; firm intention”

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 kings palace and he asked the chief official permission not to defile himself this way.

Daniel 1:4 (NIV)

- A. _____ the problem away.
- B. Choose to _____.

II. _____

Now Abel kept flocks and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering. Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.”

Genesis 4:2b-7 (NIV)

“_____ that develops _____”

- A. Begin with _____.
- B. Include _____.

III. A New _____

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

- A. Accept _____ for my past.
- B. Look _____.