

SERMON NOTES

TOUGHEN UP BUTTERCUP! Part 21

"Prime Exhibit #1" Daniel 1

(Daniel 1:1-7)

- We have been thinking about "toughening up" for several weeks now. I doubt there is a better example (outside of the Lord Jesus of course) than a teenaged boy named Daniel.
- Daniel not only survived . . . he thrived! How did he do it? Let's look at 4 characteristics of his life . . .

I. _____ (v. 1-2) "the Lord gave . . ."

- Even if you are in _____, God is still in control!
- Sometimes the trouble we are in is not of our own making. In this case, God had warned the nation for years.

II. _____ (v. 3 ff)

- He knew to carefully pick his _____.
- Note the things he did not fight over:
 - A. their _____
 - B. their new _____
 - C. their new _____

III. _____ (v. 8-15)

- Daniel was polite - "sought permission" - but spoke up.
The Question arises . . . why over his _____?
The answer is: Daniel drew the line where God's Word drew the line!
- Note that Daniel was willing accept the _____.
_____ without _____ is not _____!

IV. _____ "sought permission" (v. 8)

'My lord, if only the dream applied to those who hate you and its interpretation to your adversaries!' Daniel 4:19

"O king, live forever! Daniel 6:21

- People listen to respectful people and not _____,
_____ know-it-alls.
- There are always 2 voices you can listen to . . . our _____ or
the _____. That choice is yours!