

# The Courage to Stand by Your Convictions



**Courage:**  
Follow difficult  
instructions in  
times of danger

# Daniel's conviction in God led him to be revered in four separate kingdoms. Are my convictions so strong that I am willing to allow the chips to fall where they may?

## Daniel 6:3-10 KJV

[3] Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. [4] Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. [5] Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God. [6] Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever. [7] All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. [8] Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. [9] Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree. [10] Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

## The Corruption of the Earth:

1. **What God Saw:** so much wickedness that He had regret for creating man.
2. **How God Felt:** sorrow and regret, grief.
3. What does God do about it?
4. The opposition Noah faced building the Ark
5. The courage Noah exhibited while facing his opposition and obeying God.
6. Continued to build
7. Refuse to be discouraged

## The Basis of Daniel's Courage:

1. That the idea came from God
2. That God remained with him throughout.
3. The clarity of God's instructions to him.
4. The experience of God's strength in him, God won't call you to do something that he won't equip you for.
5. The warning of God's coming judgement.
6. The favor of God that overshadowed him.
7. The intimate relationship with God, this was before scripture or written word.
8. The promise of God regarding his future.



## Daniel's Conviction:

1. Diet - refused to eat food offered to idols.
2. Told the king the truth.
3. He refused to bow down to idols.
4. He believed God would protect him.
5. He always gave God credit for deeds.

## Daniel's Motivations:

1. Was taught well by his parents
2. His study of the Word of God.
3. His love and devotion to God.
4. His desire to obey God
5. His desire to be a witness for God.

## Benefits of Daniel's Conviction:

1. Encouraged his companions
2. Doors open to show others.
3. He counseled others.
4. Became stronger in conviction.
5. God gave him favor with kings.

## Consequences:

1. The king died like Daniel said.
2. He was promoted to highest position.
3. He remained courageous in face of death.

**It all started for Daniel with a small conviction, diet. He was faithful in the little things.**

