

Sunday Morning | August 20, 2017



## WHEN YOUR FAITH IS DEMEANED

### DANIEL 1:3-5 (NLT)

**TRUTH:** Education is a good pursuit.

**INSIGHT:** God says to be careful about your education (Proverbs 4:13 TEV).

**INSIGHT:** The Babylonian educational program was as much indoctrination as education.

**TEST #3:** Can you study in a pagan school, and not lose your faith?

**INSIGHT:** Public schools and universities are ground zero for anti-faith indoctrination.

\*How can kids graduate at the top of their class and work in an anti-faith culture and not lose their faith?

### I. DECIDE EARLY TO BE A DANIEL (Daniel 1:8).

**TRUTH:** The challenge to your faith at school and work will come "if" you live godly and stand for truth.

### II. KEEP LEARNING (Proverbs 18:15 Msg).

**TRUTH:** One huge life skill parents teach their children is listening.

**INSIGHT:** Knowledge is information from education, from books. Wisdom is seeing your relationships, finances and career and responding from God's viewpoint.

**TRUTH:** Every day, educated people lose their jobs, lose their families and take their lives because they don't know why they're here; they lack wisdom from God.

### III. SOAK IN GOD'S WORD.

**TRUTH:** Your life will lack the presence and power of God until you spend time with God's Word (Joshua 1:8).

**TRUTH:** Read the Bible to learn what is true and to discern the lies.

#### **IV. AVOID BAD FRIENDS (1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV).**

**INSIGHT:** The person you'll be in ten years is determined by the people you're most with and the books you read.

#### **V. DO WHAT GROWS YOUR FAITH.**

**TRUTH:** Kids lose their faith in college when they stop doing what made them spiritually strong.

**INSIGHT:** TV church cannot replace gathering on "The Hill" (Matthew 18:20).

**TRUTH:** The deeper someone is emotionally anti-Christian, the deeper their hurt from life.

#### **VI. REWARDS AWAIT THE FAITHFUL (Matthew 5:11-12).**