



Crossing the Line
Choose to Cheat (Daniel 1)
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BIG IDEA: Every day we choose to cheat – our only choice is who we choose to cheat on.

Daniel Teaches Us The Best Way To Cheat:

1. Daniel made a decision. (v8-9)

- Real change begins with a conscious decision.
- If we pray and we are sure of what God is asking of us, can we not *trust Him* with the results?

2. Daniel made a plan. (v10-14)

- The more specific we are about what we are going to do, the easier it will be to follow through, and the easier it will be for others to hold us accountable.

3. Daniel trusted God to respond. (v15-17)

- If God is calling us to draw a boundary around something that we can control, that's one thing. When we have to take steps like Daniel did, knowing it's totally out of our control, we have to trust that doing the right thing, doing what God is calling us to do, will result in God's blessing.

Next Step

*Who are you cheating? Are you OK with who you're cheating?
What is God asking you to do?*

FOR MY PERSONAL TIME WITH GOD THIS WEEK:

1. Reread Daniel 1. How was Daniel's situation like your own situation?
2. In what ways do you most often experience the tension between work and family? In what situations does this tension seem most intense? In what ways are you tempted to be more loyal to your work and career than you are to those you love?
3. In what ways might there be tension in your life between family responsibilities and your involvement in sports, recreation, or hobbies? If this tension is there, what will you do about it, specifically?
4. Read Matthew 6:33. In regard to these issues, what does it mean for you personally to obey these words of Jesus? What can you legitimately expect God to do as a result of your obedience to these words?

Prayer This Week: Mothers

Pray that God will refresh mothers, everywhere, in the honor and glory of motherhood and that they will be strengthened with grace, wisdom and love in serving their children.