

WHEN YOUR BELIEFS ARE BELITTLED

Unshakable! Thriving No Matter What They Throw at You
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"Do yourself a favor and learn all you can; then remember what you learn and you will prosper." Proverbs 19:8 (GNT)

"Always remember what you have learned. Your education is your life—guard it well."
Proverbs 4:13 (GNT)

"Wisdom brings strength, and knowledge gives power." Proverbs 24:5 (CEV)

DANIEL'S THIRD TEST: CHALLENGES TO HIS FAITH

"King Nebuchadnezzar wanted only young Israelite men . . . They were to be handsome and well educated, capable of learning. . . . Teach them the language and writings of the Babylonians . . . the young men were to be trained for three years, and then they would become servants of the king of Babylon." Daniel 1:4-5 (NCV)

"God gave these four young men wisdom and the ability to learn many things that people had written and studied." Daniel 1:17 (NCV)

"When the three-year training period was completed, the superintendent brought all the young men to the king for oral exams, as he had been ordered to do. King Nebuchadnezzar had long talks with each of them, and none of them impressed him as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they were put on his regular staff of advisors. And in all matters requiring information and balanced judgment, the king found these young men's advice ten times better than that of all the skilled magicians and wise astrologers in his realm." Daniel 1:18-20 (TLB)

HOW TO EXCEL IN YOUR EDUCATION . . . AND NOT LOSE YOUR FAITH

1. _____
"Daniel made up his mind not to harm himself." Daniel 1:8 (GW)

"Start with God—the first step in learning is bowing down to God; only fools thumb their noses at such wisdom and learning." Proverbs 1:7 (MSG)

"Reverence for the Lord is an education in itself." Proverbs 15:33 (GNT)

"All wisdom comes from the Lord, and so do common sense and understanding. God gives helpful advice to everyone who obeys him and protects those who live as they should." Proverbs 2:6-7 (CEV)

2. _____
"Wise men and women are always learning, always listening for fresh insights."
Proverbs 18:15 (MSG)

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

"Those who get wisdom do themselves a favor, and those who love learning will succeed." Proverbs 19:8 (NCV)

KNOWLEDGE: INFORMATION GAINED FROM EDUCATION OR EXPERIENCE

WISDOM: _____

3. _____
"Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed."
Joshua 1:8 (NLT)

I MUST _____ THE TRUTH IN ORDER TO _____ THE LIES

"Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life." Psalm 119:104 (NLT)

"A wise person is hungry for knowledge, while the fool feeds on trash."
Proverbs 15:14 (NLT)

4. _____
"Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'"
1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)

"Stay away from fools, or you won't learn a thing." Proverbs 14:7 (CEV)

"Fools show their stupidity by the way they live; it's easy to see they have no sense." Ecclesiastes 10:3 (CEV)

"Oh, the joys of those who do not follow evil men's advice, who do not hang around with sinners, scoffing at the things of God." Psalm 1:1-2 (TLB)

5. _____
All 3 are essential for input, output & support
"Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another." Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)

"It is God's will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you." 1 Peter 2:15 (NLT)

6. _____
Jesus: *"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."* Matthew 5:11-12 (NIV)