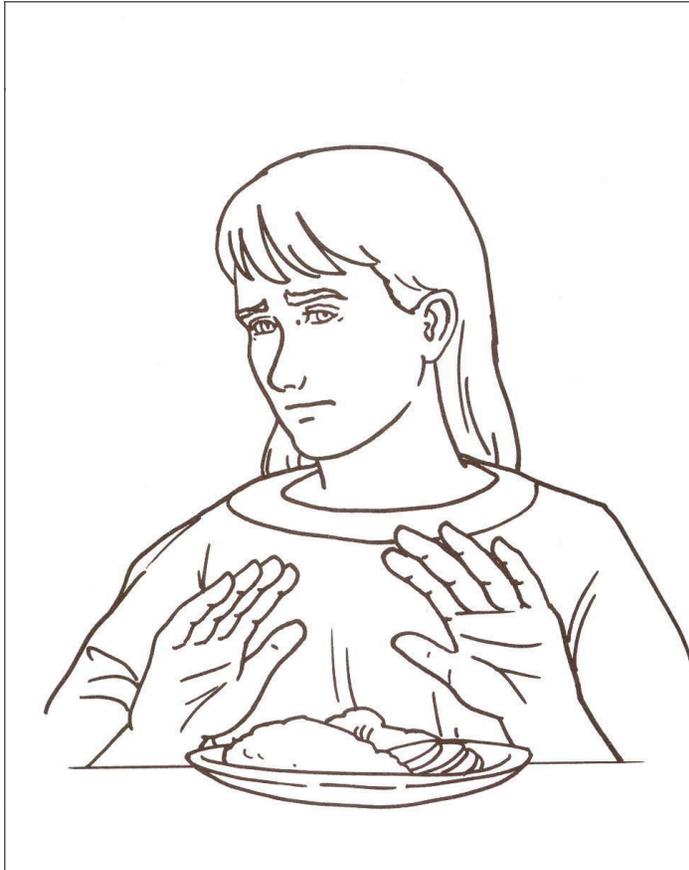
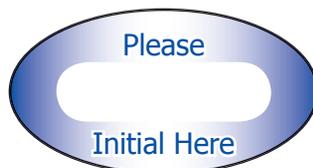


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Daniel refused to eat the rich special diet provided by the king of Babylon.



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The Character of God's People

- Lesson Four -

Single - Not Scattered Seen in the Life of Daniel

I. Overview.

Daniel loved God and was determined to serve God with his whole being. Daniel was single. He did not allow himself to be tempted with other things because his heart was wholly for God.

When Daniel was in Babylon many temptations came his way. He was tempted with the best food. He was tempted to go along with the world to exalt the things that the world



Our hearts should be single for God and His purpose.

was exalting. He was tempted to preserve himself by not standing on God's side. In all these things Daniel overcame the temptations and stood firmly with God. This showed that Daniel had the excellent character of being single. He was for God and for nothing else. He was determined not to be turned aside from his goal of faithfully serving God.

II. Memory Verse.

"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is single, your whole body will be full of light."

(Matt. 6:22)

III. Lesson.

Daniel was among the captives of the Jews that were held in Babylon. Because he was an excellent young man he was brought to serve Nebuchadnezzar the king. But Daniel's heart was not for anything else but God.

Daniel Resists Many Temptations

The king tempted Daniel to indulge himself in a rich diet. It was supposed that those who ate the special diet would be better servants of the king. But Daniel set his heart not to defile himself with the things of the Gentile king. He chose rather to eat a simple diet of vegetables. Daniel did this because he knew that to remain single for God, he needed to keep himself from the things of the world.

Later Daniel was tempted to go along with the other people of the kingdom to worship the king's image of gold. It would have been easier just to go along with everyone else and do the things that everyone else was doing. But Daniel was only for God. When they played the music and the people worshiped the golden image, Daniel refused to go along. He stood firmly on God's side and would only worship Him.



Daniel's excellent character saved him from the world and made him precious and useful to God.

Later still, Daniel was tempted to preserve his own life by not praying to God. A law was made in Babylon that anyone who prayed to anyone besides the king would be thrown into a den of lions. Daniel could have simply gone along with this and would have avoided such punishment. But because Daniel was single, only for God, he could not go along.

He simply did what he had always done and opened his windows and prayed to God three times a day.

Daniel was Full of Light and Precious to God

Because Daniel was single, his whole being was full of light. He was able to understand things that others were only confused by. He interpreted many dreams and understood God's speaking. God loved Daniel very much and greatly valued him. God was able to use Daniel's prayer to fight the battle for Israel and eventually to deliver them from the captivity in Babylon. This opened the way for Jesus to be born in Israel. How wonderful and useful was Daniel's character.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. How do we know that Daniel was single?

2. What kind of things was Daniel tempted with while he was in Babylon?

3. Why did the king provide a special diet?

4. What did God think of Daniel?

