

**WHEN YOU'RE PRESSURED TO CONFORM  
UNSHAKABLE! Thriving No Matter What They Throw At You**

*"Fire tests the purity of silver and gold, but the Lord tests the heart."* Proverbs 17:3 (NLT)

Before every blessing there is always a \_\_\_\_\_.

*"We speak God's message because God tested us and trusted us to do it. When we speak, we are not trying to please people, but God, who tests our hearts."* 1 Thessalonians 2:4 (NCV)

God \_\_\_\_\_ with stress before he \_\_\_\_\_ with success

**4 QUALITIES GOD LOOKS FOR IN YOUR LIFE**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - He never \_\_\_\_\_ who he was.

*"Daniel resolved not to defile himself. . ."* Daniel 1:8a (NIV)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ - He controlled his \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Daniel made up his mind not to eat the food and wine given to them by the king."* Daniel 1:8a (LB)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ - He was willing to \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Never follow the crowd in doing wrong, and don't be swayed in your testimony by the mood of the majority."* Exodus 23:2 (GW/LB)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ - He was tactful with \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Then Daniel asked chief official for permission to eat other things instead. Now God had given the chief official great respect for Daniel. But he said, 'I'm afraid of my lord, the king, who ordered that you eat his food and wine, And If you aren't as healthy as the others, I fear the king will have me beheaded!' ....Daniel 1:8b-16, 18-19*

**FOUR THINGS YOU NEED TO REMEMBER WHEN PRESSURED TO CONFORM**

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**WHAT GAVE DANIEL THE COURAGE TO STAND ALONE?**

*"Don't become partners with those who reject God. How can you make a partnership out of right and wrong? That's not partnership; that's war. Is light best friends with dark? Does Christ go strolling with the Devil? Do trust and mistrust hold hands? Who would think of setting up pagan idols in God's holy Temple? But that is exactly what we are, each of us a temple in whom God lives. God himself put it this way: 'I'll live in them, and move into them; I'll be their God and they'll be my people. So leave the corruption and compromise. . . . I'll be a Father to you and you will be my sons and daughters!'*

*With promises like this, dear friends, let's make a clean break with everything that defiles or distracts us, both within and without. Let's make our entire lives fit and holy temples for the worship of God!"*

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 (Mes)