

Be Wise! (Daniel 5:10-17, p 742)

1. Be wise and you'll thrive in Babylon (5:11, 14, 29)

2. So, how do you obtain wisdom?

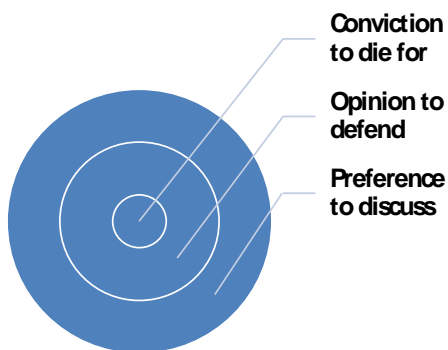
- Know it is sourced in God (2:19-24)
- Revere/respect God: *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: fools despise wisdom and instruction"* – Prov. 1:7.
- Know and apply His Word: *"Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies"* (Ps 119:98)
- Seek it humbly: *"...from the first day...you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God"* (10:12)
- Ask for it: *"You have given me wisdom...and have now made known to me what we asked of you"* (2:23; James 1:5)

Biblical wisdom is living a life submitted to God & in line with His revealed truth

3. How do you live wisely in Babylon?

- Daniel observed Jewish dietary commands (1:8). See Lev 11, Deut 14.
- The three Hebrew boys obeyed the ten commandments (3:18)
- Daniel continued to pray 3x/day despite legislation of the death penalty (6:10). See Exod 20:3-4; Deut 6:4.
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- Don't add to God's Word despite the temptation: Daniel didn't make a fuss over his pagan name, graduated top of his class in a pagan curriculum, loved God, obeyed the Word and lived with the tension of "disputable matters" (Ro 14).

Three Circles:



Live wisely (submitted to God & His truth), and you'll thrive in Babylon.