

Capturing the Next Generation Daniel 1:1-21 (NKJV)

Why are we studying the Book of Daniel?

1. Because Daniel's culture parallels our own.
2. The Book of Daniel can be used as a tool to capture the hearts and minds of the next generation.

What was Nebuchadnezzar's game plan when he deported the young boys from Jerusalem?

His game plan was to capture the next generation.

What was Nebuchadnezzar's brainwashing strategy?

1. He wanted to change their thinking. (v.4)
2. He wanted to change their identity. (v.6)
3. He wanted to change their worship. (v.6)
4. He wanted to change their lifestyle. (v.5)

What was God's game plan in the Book of Daniel?

He wanted to capture the next generation.

Why did Daniel purpose in his heart not to defile himself with the king's food and the king's wine?

1. Because the two kinds of meat in Babylon were pork and horse and neither fit the kosher laws. (Leviticus 3; Leviticus 11)
2. Because the meat and wine had been offered to idols and for Daniel that would have been idolatry.
3. Because to accept the food in an ancient Eastern culture meant submission, obligation, loyalty, commitment, and friendship to the king.

Where did Daniel and his three friends get their values? (Two possibilities)

1. They had godly parents.
2. They had involved parents who took them to church.

Two pastoral challenges from this passage:

1. Pray for our church, youth, and children before every meal.

2. Consider volunteering to serve in our youth and children's ministry.