

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

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<sup>8</sup> But Daniel was determined not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king. He asked the chief of staff for permission not to eat these unacceptable foods.

<sup>9</sup> Now God had given the chief of staff both respect and affection for Daniel. <sup>10</sup> But he responded, “I am afraid of my lord the king, who has ordered that you eat this food and wine. If you become pale and thin compared to the other youths your age, I am afraid the king will have me beheaded.”

<sup>11</sup> Daniel spoke with the attendant who had been appointed by the chief of staff to look after ***Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.*** <sup>12</sup> “Please test ***us*** for ten days on a diet of vegetables and water,” Daniel said.

<sup>13</sup> “At the end of the ten days, see how ***we*** look compared to the other young men who are eating the king’s food. Then make your decision in light of what you see.” <sup>14</sup> The attendant agreed to Daniel’s suggestion and tested ***them*** for ten days.



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<sup>10</sup> But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down *as usual* in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, *just as he had always done*, giving thanks to his God. <sup>11</sup> Then the officials went together to Daniel's house and found him praying and asking for God's help.



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