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How do you stand out...

- in the right \_\_\_\_\_
- at the right \_\_\_\_\_
- for the right \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>3</sup> Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, his chief of staff, to bring to the palace some of the young men of Judah's royal family and other noble families, who had been brought to Babylon as captives. <sup>4</sup> "Select only strong, healthy, and good-looking young men," he said. "Make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning, are gifted with knowledge and good judgment, and are suited to serve in the royal palace. Train these young men in the language and literature of Babylon." <sup>5</sup> The king assigned them a daily ration of food and wine from his own kitchens. They were to be trained for three years, and then they would enter the royal service. **Daniel 1:3-5 (NLT)**

The pull to ... \_\_\_\_\_ like the world \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ like the world \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ like the world \_\_\_\_\_

This is the mark of a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Romans 12:2 (NRSV)**

Put on all the armor that God supplies. In this way you can take a stand against the devil's strategies.... For this reason, take up all the armor that God supplies. Then you will be able to take a stand during these evil days. Once you have overcome all obstacles, you will be able to stand your ground. **Ephesians 6:11, 13 (GW)**

If you're never standing \_\_\_\_\_

then you're always \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>6</sup> Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen, all from the tribe of Judah. <sup>7</sup> The chief of staff renamed them with these Babylonian names: Daniel was called Belteshazzar. Hananiah was called Shadrach. Mishael was called Meshach. Azariah was called Abednego. **Daniel 1:6-7 (NLT)**

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. **Daniel 1:8 (NLT)**

- Daniel had made a \_\_\_\_\_ ahead of time

<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. <sup>15</sup> At the end of the ten days, Daniel and his three friends looked healthier and better nourished than the young men who had been eating the food assigned by the king. **Daniel 1:12-15 (NLT)**

- Daniel honors \_\_\_\_\_
- Daniel presents a \_\_\_\_\_

We need \_\_\_\_\_ to stand out in the \_\_\_\_\_ way.

The king talked with them, and no one impressed him as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they entered the royal service. **Daniel 1:19 (NLT)**

**My next step today is to...**

- Ask God to help me stand out in the right way, at the right time and for the right reasons.
- Decide up-front where God is calling me to be different so that my life would bring God glory.
- Memorize and/or meditate on Ephesians 6:13
- Follow Christ, making him my Lord and Savior.