

ARE YOU LEARNING FROM THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE YOU?

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Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, opposite the lampstand. And the king saw the hand as it wrote. Daniel 5:5

(The queen said) "This man Daniel . . . has a sharp mind and is filled with knowledge and understanding. He can interpret dreams, explain the meaning of mysteries and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what it means." Daniel 5:12

(The king said) "I have heard that the Spirit of God is in you, that you possess brilliant knowledge and extraordinary wisdom." Daniel 5:14

HOW CAN I BECOME WISE LIKE DANIEL?

1. LEARN THE LESSONS OF THE PRIOR GENERATION

"Ask the former generations and find out what their fathers learned, for we were born only yesterday and we know so little." Job 8:8-9

"Commit yourself to instruction; and tune in your ears to hear words of knowledge." Proverbs 23:12

*"Do yourself a favor and learn all you can; then **remember what you learn** and you will prosper."* Proverbs 19:8

"These things occurred as examples to warn us and keep us from wanting to do the same evil thing they did. For Scripture says that we should avoid drunken parties, sexual immorality, and worshiping things that aren't God . . . We should not test the Lord's patience or grumble and complain as some did and died . . . These things happened as examples and were written down as warnings for us. . ." 1 Corinthians 10:6-11

2. MAINTAIN A HUMBLE ATTITUDE THAT HONORS GOD

"Reverence for the Lord is an education in itself. You must be humble before you can ever receive honors." Proverbs 15:33

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6b (NIV)

3. REFUSE TO FILL YOUR MIND WITH GARBAGE

"A wise person is hungry for truth, while the fool feeds on trash." Proverbs 15:14

4. USE WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. James 1:22-24

Daniel said, "King Belshazzar, even though you knew all that happened to your 'father' (Nebuchadnezzar) you DIDN'T LEARN from his life and you STILL REFUSED to humble yourself (before God) who rules from heaven." Daniel 5:22