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THE TEST OF THE PAST

DANIEL 5 (NLT)

INSIGHT: Belshazzar is a poor leader and learner.

TRUTH: Pride and a failure to learn from the past always brings destruction.

I. A CHOICE TO MAKE

***QUESTION:** Are you still learning even though you're out of school, retired or at the top of your field? (Proverbs 4:13 TEV)

II. STEPS TO INCREASE WISDOM

1. Make learning a lifestyle (Proverbs 23:12).

TRUTH: Your education is never completed.

TRUTH: The success of your ministry or business is the continuation of your personal growth.

INSIGHT: The more you learn, the more you can earn.

TRUTH: All leaders are learners; if you stop learning, you stop being a leader (Ecclesiastes 10:10 NIV).

2. Learn from the past (Job 8:8-9 NIV).

TRUTH: Wise leaders learn the life lessons from the former generations.

INSIGHT: Lean on life models that are dead; follow with caution those still alive.

TRUTH: "Opportunities lay in front of us, but all the life lessons are in the past." - Rick Warren (1 Corinthians 10:6-11)

3. Live life humbly.

INSIGHT: The more humble you are, the less you'll stumble in life.

TRUTH: Humility is the basis for teachability (Proverbs 15:33 TEV).

4. Guard your mind.