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## WHERE'S YOUR LINE?

### DANIEL 1:1-21 (NLT)

**TRUTH:** Your life is shaped by the questions you ask yourself.

Where's your line, high school graduate?

Where's your line, mom and dad?

Where's your line, Sir? Lady?

Daniel asked and answered that very question.

#### I. THE SETTING, Daniel 1:1-2 (NLT)

**TRUTH:** God is longsuffering with the sins of His people, but there's a limit.

**INSIGHT:** Perpetual sinning will lift the hand of God's blessing and bring the discipline of pain, conflict and loss.

#### II. THE MAN, Daniel 1:3-7 (NLT)

#### III. WHAT WISDOM DOES IN A PAGAN WORLD

- Daniel did not reject Babylonian education. He didn't swallow a lot of it, but he didn't reject it.
- Daniel did not reject learning the language.
- He did not even reject his new name.

**INSIGHT:** Daniel willingly went into the Babylonian world, but he drew a line at becoming of their world.

#### IV. THE LINE IN THE SAND

**TRUTH:** Daniel succeeded in a pagan culture because God remained his God. He knew when to fit in and when to stand out.

## V. FIT IN vs. STAND OUT

**INSIGHT:** You stand out when fitting in would betray God being "God" in your life.

**QUESTION:** How do you determine what's major and what's minor? How do you determine where to draw the line?

Four Life Areas get "MAJOR" rating:

1. Conduct = moral behavior
2. Character = their inner world
3. Influence = what shapes and molds them to men/women
4. Exposure = what goes into their head and heart

Today these four areas converge in two areas:

Friends/Media = your child's relational life. This has to be parentally monitored.