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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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Brainwashed!

DANIEL 1:3-9 NKJV – (3) Then the king instructed Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king's descendants and some of the nobles, (4) young men in whom *there was* no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who *had* ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans. (5) And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of *that time* they might serve before the king. (6) Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. (7) To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel *the name* Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego. (8) ***But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.*** (9) Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.

Doesn't the above story remind you of what Christ went through when God led Him into the desert to be tempted. Satan tried to tempt Jesus in the areas of physical need, pride, and greed. Jesus remained ***focused*** on His mission from God, and He never gave in to Satan's attempts. Satan is very crafty and knows all about those he tries to tempt. The devil said to Him, "*If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.*" Jesus answered, "*It is written.*" Though more was said after "It is written", the point is, what does the word of God say about your situation? **Knowing and saying Scripture is the best way to fight temptation.** Did you know the devil could quote Scripture? He will use anything he can to derail God's plan and to throw believers off God's path. The enemy was on a mission to distract Daniel and Jesus from succeeding in completing their mission on earth. Be careful that the enemy doesn't brainwash you! You are either listening to God or listening to Satan.

SCRIPTURE READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We are not called to be like other Christians; we are called to be like Christ.