

Veggie Tale (Daniel's Resolve) Daniel 1:8-21

Daniel shows us that our resolve to stand with God—in His hands for His truth and glory... even and especially against cultural norms and demands—is a vital gift we are privileged and empowered to give to the people of our culture.

The Measure of God's Man...

- I. Our personal *resolve* is one of the greatest powers God has given us.
 - A. <u>Resolve</u> can be powerfully good or evil, healthy or damaging, encouraged or opposed, celebrated or condemened...
 - B. *Resolve* is no respector of age, human title, worldly position, perceived power, current circumstances or the apparent practical significance of the decisions it determines.
- II. <u>Resolve</u> is not the same as <u>opinion</u> or <u>inclination</u>...
 - A. <u>Resolve</u> is a great tree that grows from what is planted and cultivated in our hearts while <u>opinion</u> or <u>inclination</u> is a seasonal weed springing from what lands on our ears.
 - B. *Resolve* always invites examination while *opinion* or *inclination* often retreats into privacy.
- III. Our faithful personal <u>resolve</u> is itself a manifestation of God's favor to us (and it leads to many other divine blessings).
- IV. Human <u>resolve</u> to stand with God—in His hands for His truth and glory... even & especially against cultural norms & demands—is a vital <u>gift</u> any follower of God is privileged & empowered to give to the people of his/her human culture.

Additional Notes: