



DEFENDERS OF THE FAITH
Part 8 – Daniel in the Lion’s Den
Don’t Let Culture Cancel Your Faith

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1. Character _____ culture.

1 Peter 2:12 (NLT), “Be careful to **live properly among your unbelieving neighbors**. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.”

2. Don’t _____ your faith to fit the culture.

Daniel 6:10-11 (NRSV), “**10** Although **Daniel knew that the document had been signed**, he **continued** to go to his house, which had **windows** in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to **get down on his knees three times a day to pray** to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. **11** The **conspirators came** and **found Daniel praying** and seeking mercy before his God.”

Acts 5:29 (NLT), “But Peter and the apostles replied, ‘We must **obey God** rather than any **human authority**.’”

Proverbs 28:1 (NIV), “The **wicked flee** though **no one pursues**, but the **righteous** are as **bold as a lion**.”

3. Be honored to _____ for Christ.

Daniel 6:16 & 18 (NRSV), “**16** Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and **thrown into the den of lions**. The king said to Daniel, “**May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!**” **18** Then the king went to his palace and **spent the night fasting**; no food was brought to him, and **sleep fled from him**.”

1 Peter 3:14 & 17 (NIV), “**14** But even if you should **suffer for what is right**, you are **blessed**. “Do not fear their **threats**; do not be **frightened**.” **17** For it is **better**, if it is **God’s will**, to **suffer for doing good** than for doing evil.”

1 Peter 5:8-9 (NLT), “**8** Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. **He prowls around like a roaring lion**, looking for someone to devour. **9** Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the **same kind of suffering** you are.”

4. Live _____ in a culture of compromise.

Daniel 6:19-24 (NSRV), “**19** Then, **at break of day**, the king got up and **hurried** to the den of lions. **20** When he came near the den where Daniel was, **he** cried out anxiously to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God **whom you faithfully serve** been able to deliver you from the lions?” **21** Daniel then said to the king, “O king, live forever! **22** **My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths** so that they would not hurt me, because **I was found blameless** before him; and also before you, O king, **I have done no wrong**.”

Psalms 112:6-7 (NIV), “**6** Surely the **righteous will never be shaken**; they will be remembered forever. **7** They will have **no fear of bad news**; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.”

Acts 24:16 (NASB), “I also do my best to maintain always a **blameless conscience** before both God and before men.”

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV), “For God has not given us a **spirit of fear**, but of **power** and of **love** and of a **sound mind**.”

Psalms 23:4 (NKJV), “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, **I will fear no evil**; For You are with me, Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.”
