

You have to stand for something or you'll fall for anything

Understanding the convictions of Daniel

Introduction:

Luke 18:8 However, when the Son of man comes, will He find faith on the earth?

1 What are _____?

[] The Supreme Court

A Preference is a strong belief;

1. That I am willing to go into full time service for
2. That I am willing to give all my wealth to
3. That I will persuade people to follow
4. That I would want to teach it to my children.

But a preference is a belief that would change under circumstances.

A Conviction is a belief that will not change under any circumstance. It is a belief God requires of me. It's God-ordered.

1. Is this belief something that I purpose in my heart?
2. Do others have to stand for this belief before I'll stand for it?
3. Would I be willing to negotiate my belief with someone?
4. Must I be assured of victory before I accept this belief?
5. Can this belief be seen in my life-style?
6. Is this belief consistent in my life?

Jude 3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

2 The _____ of Convictions

•Daniel 1

•Daniel 6

•Daniel 3

•Genesis 39

•Acts 4

3 Developing areas of _____

1st – I _____ to Christ alone and follow Him in everything

Romans 14:8 for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

2 Corinthians 5:15 He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

John 10:27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

Luke 6:46 why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? **Matthew 7:21** Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven

2nd – I believe the Bible alone is the _____ of Christ

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

1 Thessalonians, 4:8 He who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord, and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.

3rd – I love the church as the _____ and plan of Christ

Ephesians 4:16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Hebrews 10:24 let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.

4th – I see my marriage and children as my _____

Ephesians 5:28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; 29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, 30 because we are members of His body.

Psalms 127:3 Behold, children are a gift of the Lord; The fruit of the womb is a reward.

5th – I realize faithful _____ is a part of my calling

Matthew 23:11 But the greatest among you shall be your servant.

Luke 16:10a "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much;

Daniel 6:4b they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him.

1 Timothy 3:11 Women must likewise be ...faithful in all things.

Revelation 2:10 Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

6th – I am passionate about my purpose to _____ Christ

Acts 4:19-20.

7th – I respond to _____ like I do to Christ

1 Samuel 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry.

8th – I protect my _____, since it's the root of all my behavior

Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinks within himself, so he is.

Philippians 4:8: whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.

9th I fear _____ compromises for the way they dishonor God

Philippians 2:13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. 14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing

10th I realize I can't live convictions in my own _____ _____ must save me and the _____ must empower me

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