

## Proverbs Lesson 11 Handout

"This old album makes me remember so many things in the past: San Francisco and the house on Steiner Street where I was born. It brings back memories of my cousins, aunts, and uncles; all the boys and girls I grew up with. And I remember my family as we were then. My brother Nels, my little sister Dagmar, and of course, Papa; but most of all when I look back to those days so long ago, most of all, I remember ... Mama."

*"A GOOD name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold."  
Proverbs 22:1*

**How we live our lives will determine how we will be remembered.**

**GOOD CHOICES produce GOOD CHARACTER which produces a GOOD REPUTATION which produces a GOOD NAME.**

### Proverbs 1:29 (AMP)

29 Because they hated knowledge and did not **choose** the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord,

**Proverbs 16:16 (AMP)**

**16** How much better it is to get skillful and godly wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be **chosen** rather than silver.

**Proverbs 3:31 (AMP)**

**31** Do not resentfully envy and be jealous of an unscrupulous, grasping man, and **choose** none of his ways.

"A good character  
is the best tombstone.  
Carve your  
name on hearts,  
not marble."  
~Samuel C. Fulkerson

Character is what  
you are in the dark.  
Dwight Moody

Reputation is what men say about  
you on your tombstone. Character  
is what angels say about you before  
the throne of God.

Your reputation is what men think you are. Your character is what God knows you to be.

**WE SHOULD HAVE A GOOD NAME NOT SO PEOPLE WILL SAY GREAT THINGS ABOUT US BUT SO PEOPLE WILL SAY GREAT THINGS ABOUT JESUS.**



## **DANIEL 1:1-4**

**1 During the third year of King Jehoiakim's reign in Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it with his armies.**

**The Lord gave him victory over King Jehoiakim of Judah. When Nebuchadnezzar returned to Babylon, he took with him some of the sacred objects from the Temple of God**

**and placed them in the treasure-house of his god in the land of Babylonia.**

**Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, who was in charge of the palace officials, to bring to the palace some of the young men of Judah's royal family and other noble families, who had been brought to Babylon as captives. (V.3)**

**"Select only strong, healthy, and good-looking young men," he said. "Make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning, are gifted with knowledge and good sense,**

**and have the poise needed to serve in the royal palace. Teach these young men the language and literature of the Babylonians. The king assigned them a daily ration of the best food and wine from his own kitchens. They were to be trained for a three-year period,**

**and then some of them would be made his advisers in the royal court. Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen, all from the tribe of Judah.**

**The chief official renamed them with these Babylonian names: Daniel was called Belteshazzar. Hananiah was called Shadrach. Mishael was called Meshach. Azariah was called Abednego.**

***Good character is the product of consistent righteous behavior.***

**Daniel 1:8**

**But Daniel determined in his heart that he would not defile himself by [eating his portion of] the king's rich and dainty food or by [drinking] the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might [be allowed] not to defile himself.**

**Daniel knew God** Proverbs 9:10 The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning (the chief and choice part) of Wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight and understanding.

**Daniel guarded his speech.**

**Proverbs 25:11** A word fitly spoken and in due season is like apples of gold in settings of silver.

**Proverbs 21:23** He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from troubles.

**Proverbs 29:20** Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a [self-confident] fool than for him.

**Proverbs 11:11** By the blessing of the influence of the upright and God's favor [because of them] the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

## **Daniel stayed away from sexual immorality**

**Proverbs 5: 3 For the lips of a loose woman drip honey as a honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil; 4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged and devouring sword. 6 She loses sight of and walks not in the path of life; her ways wind about aimlessly, and you cannot know them. 7 Now therefore, my sons, listen to me, and depart not from the words of my mouth. 8 Let your way in life be far from her, and come not near the door of her house [avoid the very scenes of temptation], 9 Lest you give your honor to others and your years to those without mercy,**

## **Daniel worked hard for the King**

**Proverbs 10:4 He becomes poor who works with a slack and idle hand, but the hand of the diligent makes rich. 5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.**

## **Daniel Abstained from strong drink.**

**Proverbs 20:1 Wine produces mockers; alcohol leads to brawls. Those led astray by drink cannot be wise.**

## **Daniel was honest**

**Proverbs 24:26 An honest answer is like a kiss of friendship.**

**Proverbs 12:17 An honest witness tells the truth; a false witness tells lies.**

**Daniel 1:18–20**

**18 Now at the end of the time which the king had set for bringing [all the young men in], the chief of the eunuchs brought them before Nebuchadnezzar.**

**19 And the king conversed with them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they were assigned to stand before the king.**

**20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding concerning which the king asked them, he found them ten times better than all the [learned] magicians and enchanters who were in his whole realm**

## **Daniel 6**

**1 Darius the Mede decided to divide the kingdom into 120 provinces, and he appointed a high officer to rule over each province.**

**2 The king also chose Daniel and two others as administrators to supervise the high officers and protect the king's interests.**

**3 Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel's great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire.**

**4 Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs, but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy.**

**5 So they concluded, "Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion."**

**6 So the administrators and high officers went to the king and said, "Long live King Darius!**

**7 We are all in agreement—we administrators, officials, high officers, advisers, and governors—that the king should make a law that will be strictly enforced. Give orders that for the next thirty days any person who prays**

**to anyone, divine or human—except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the den of lions.**

**8 And now, Your Majesty, issue and sign this law so it cannot be changed, an official law of the Medes and Persians that cannot be revoked.”**

**9 So King Darius signed the law.**

**10 But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God.**

**11 Then the officials went together to Daniel’s house and found him praying and asking for God’s help.**

**12 So they went straight to the king and reminded him about his law. “Did you not sign a law that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human—except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the den of lions?” “Yes,” the king replied, “that decision stands; it is an official law of the Medes and Persians that cannot be revoked.”**

**13 Then they told the king, “That man Daniel, one of the captives from Judah, is ignoring you and your law. He still prays to his God three times a day.”**

**14 Hearing this, the king was deeply troubled, and he tried to think of a way to save Daniel. He spent the rest of the day looking for a way to get Daniel out of this predicament.**

**15 In the evening the men went together to the king and said, “Your Majesty, you know that according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, no law that the king signs can be changed.”**

**16 So at last the king gave orders for Daniel to be arrested and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to him, “May your God, whom you serve so faithfully, rescue you.”**

**17 A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den. The king sealed the stone with his own royal seal and the seals of his nobles, so that no one could rescue Daniel.**

**18 Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night fasting. He refused his usual entertainment and couldn't sleep at all that night.**

**19 Very early the next morning, the king got up and hurried out to the lions' den.**

**20 When he got there, he called out in anguish, "Daniel, servant of the living God! Was your God, whom you serve so faithfully, able to rescue you from the lions?"**

**21 Daniel answered, "Long live the king!**

**22 My God sent his angel to shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, for I have been found innocent in his sight. And I have not wronged you, Your Majesty."**

**23 The king was overjoyed and ordered that Daniel be lifted from the den. Not a scratch was found on him, for he had trusted in his God.**

**24 Then the king gave orders to arrest the men who had maliciously accused Daniel. He had them thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. The lions leaped on them and tore them apart before they even hit the floor of the den.**

**25 Then King Darius sent this message to the people of every race and nation and language throughout the world: "Peace and prosperity to you!**

**26 "I decree that everyone throughout my kingdom should tremble with fear before the God of Daniel. For he is the living God, and he will endure forever. His kingdom will never be destroyed, and his rule will never end.**

**27 He rescues and saves his people; he performs miraculous signs and wonders in the heavens and on earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions."**

**28 So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.**

### **Proverbs 10:7**

**The memory of the righteous is blessed, But the name of the wicked will rot.**

“We will be known  
forever by the tracks  
we leave”

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