

UNSHAKABLE!  
**Getting the Push - Pressure**  
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*The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the LORD tests the heart.*  
Proverbs 17:3

**Before every blessing** \_\_\_\_\_.

*On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.*  
1 Thessalonians 2:4

**God** \_\_\_\_\_ **with stress before he** \_\_\_\_\_ **with success**

*“The king ordered that the young men should eat the same food and wine served at the king’s table while they were being trained. After that they were to become servants of the king of Babylon . . . But Daniel resolved not to defile himself by eating the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.”  
Daniel 1:5,8*

**Defile** — to pollute, contaminate, or corrupt. A loss of purity.

**Daniel’s first test shows . . .**

#### **4 QUALITIES GOD LOOKS FOR IN YOUR LIFE**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

*Daniel resolved not to defile himself ...*  
Daniel 1:8

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.  
Romans 12:2*

2. \_\_\_\_\_

*Daniel made up his mind not to eat the food and wine given to them by the king.*  
Daniel 1:8

*Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.*  
Romans 6:13

3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.*  
1 Corinthians 16:13

4. \_\_\_\_\_

*But Daniel...asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. <sup>9</sup>Now God had caused the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel, but the official told Daniel, “I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you.”*

*Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see.”...To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning.*

*And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds. At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel...so they entered the King’s service.*

Daniel 1:8-16, 18-19