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Daniel 1:8, “*But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.*”

I Corinthians 15:33, “*Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*”

It's very easy to let ourselves be spiritually corrupted. Be it by friends, media we consume, or places we go. In the Old Testament you could defile yourself by the food or drink you consumed. Daniel was among the captives in Babylon, and he with his three friends had been chosen to learn the sciences and language of the Chaldeans.

During this training and education they were given food and drink. It was food and drink that would have defiled Daniel. It would have caused Daniel to transgress the word of God. This food and drink was from the king and many might have partaken so as not to offend the king. We see that Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not

defile himself. He had already decided he would not take this food and drink.

He then requested of the prince of the eunuchs that they be given different food. They were then given pulse (vegetables) and water, and we see in Daniel 1:15 they were fairer and fatter in flesh than the others. Daniel refused to defile himself and turned out much better physically, but most of all spiritually.

When faced with situations that will cause us to sin and defile ourselves spiritually we need to do what Daniel did. We need to purpose ahead of time that we will not do anything that will lead us from the LORD. We need to determine that we will not waver spiritually for anyone or anything.

It's easy to let friends turn us from the LORD. Everyone, especially younger people, very much want to be accepted and have a close circle of friends. Even if it causes you to choose other friends, we need to make sure we purpose in our hearts not to defile ourselves.

Paul warned of friendships that can corrupt us. The above verse tells us that evil communications corrupt good manners. I Corinthians 15:33 in the American Standard Version states it even more clearly, “*Be not deceived, evil companionships corrupt good morals.*”

Solomon had been very close to the LORD. The LORD even appeared to Solomon twice. We are told in Nehemiah 13:26, “*Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin.*”

This is the only time the word “outlandish” is used in the King James Version of the Bible. Solomon literally married women out of the land. They were non-Israelites. This was not only forbidden, but the
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News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton. Brad Terry** is unable to undergo a bone marrow transplant for now. Doctors have discovered another spot. Remember **Shirley Parson** in prayer regarding some tests.

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Israelites were not allowed to marry out of their tribes. Solomon did so many times. I Kings 11:1, “*But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites.*” In doing so, Solomon not only broke the law of God, but it turned his heart from the LORD. I Kings 11:4, “*For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.*”

Solomon did things that were an abomination to the LORD because of his wives. We see in I Kings 11:5-7 that Solomon went after, or followed, other Gods and even built places for them. We are told in I Kings 11:8-9, “*8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. 9 And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice.*”

Even though the LORD had appeared to Solomon twice, he let his wives turn his heart from God and to worshipping false, man-made gods. It’s amazing to think that the person given the greatest wisdom of any person could drift so far from the LORD. He did so because of the people nearest him— his wives.

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Sunday, February 18, 2018

Classes	13	II Timothy 1:14-18
Preaching	23	James 5:14-20
Contribution	\$986.85	
Evening	17	Nahum 1:1-15
Wednesday, February 21, 2018		
Classes	18	Revelation 8:1-13

Bible Quiz

What happened for half an hour when the seventh seal was opened?

Last Week’s Answer— Living fountains of water (Revelation 7:17)

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Let’s choose friends and acquaintances, and most of all our spouses, who will lead us even closer to the LORD— not further. Like Daniel, purpose in your heart ahead of time to do this.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)