

## God's GPS

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Mankind needs guidance desperately. Not just getting through town in the car, but spiritual guidance getting through life. Guidance comes from many sources; some good, some not so good. Let's consider a few lessons about God's "GPS" (**G**ospel **P**lan of **S**alvation) for all mankind.

First, we must recognize our need for a guide. We cannot go anywhere profitable without divine guidance. We are not capable of guiding ourselves (Jeremiah 10:23-24). We must rely upon God's wisdom for guidance (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Second, we must recognize the right guide. Jesus, and no other person, place, or thing, is to be our guide (John 6:66-67).

Third, we must actually follow the guide and not just talk about it. We cannot go to heaven without obeying Jesus (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).

Fourth, we must not move until the guide moves. We go when Jesus goes and we stop when Jesus stops (Matthew 17:5; Colossians 3:17; Hebrews 1:1-2).

Finally, we must follow the guide everyday and everywhere. We will make the sacrifice to follow Jesus daily (Luke 9:23,57) and wherever he goes (Revelation 14:4).

Will you let God's GPS system guide you to heaven today? - *Chris Reeves*

## Sentence Sermons

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- The Bible may hurt you with the truth, but it will never comfort you with a lie.
- Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional.
- Plan purposefully; prepare prayerfully; proceed positively; pursue persistently.
- Never give the devil a ride, he will always want to drive.
- Faith is like gold, it is purified by fire. The stronger the fire, the purer the faith.

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## THE WARFIELD BULLETIN

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

The story of Daniel is both heroic and amazing. Here is a young man (accompanied by a few of his friends) who was removed many miles away from his family and homeland and he still remained faithful to God. He was transported from Jerusalem to Babylon, c. 605 B.C., and he never stopped being loyal to God.

When we are first introduced to Daniel in the book named after him, we notice that there are drastic changes for Daniel. Read Daniel 1:1-7. Daniel's country is changed, his name is changed, and most importantly, an attempt was made to change his culture (morals and religion).

What was the key to Daniel's success? Why did he remain loyal and faithful to God? It was Daniel's attitude that kept him on the right course no matter where he went in life. We are told that Daniel "purposed in his heart that would not defile himself..." (Daniel 1:8). Let us examine the attitudes and actions of Daniel that made him successful both in man's eyes and God's eyes.

There is constant pressure from our society to conform to our culture (immodest dress, vulgar language, improper use of our body and mind, etc.). Will you, like Daniel, dare to be different? Will you dare to be a Daniel?

Daniel was a man of **PREMI-NENCE**. He was among the preeminent

of the Israelites (Daniel 1:3-4) and he was among the preeminent of the wise men of Babylon (Daniel 1:17-20). How did Daniel handle his preeminence without losing his faith? He did not forget God, he glorified God, he thanked God, and he gave credit to God (Daniel 2:17-23,28). He also did not forget his fellow-brethren (Daniel 2:49). Christians today can be distinguished above others without losing their faith in God (1 Corinthians 16:23).

Daniel was a man of **PURPOSE**. He purposed in his heart (Daniel 1:8). He determined and made resolved ahead of time that he was going to do the right thing all the time. He did not live by the philosophy that says, "When in Rome (Babylon) live as the Romans (Babylonians)." Christians today can have the same purpose of heart to remain faithful at all times (Acts 11:23; Matthew 6:33).

Daniel was a man of **POWER**. He maintained a high position in the Babylonian government (Daniel 2:46-48; 5:29) and he maintained a high position in the Medo-Persian government (Daniel 6:1-3). Some say politics and religion do not mix. But, Daniel mixed the two without compromising his faith. Christians today can hold positions of power without losing their faith in God (Matthew 8:5ff; Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 4:1).

Daniel was a man of **PURITY**. There was no fault found in his life, before God or before men (Daniel 6:4,21). Christians today can maintain the same purity in the wicked world around them (Ephesians 5:27; James 1:27).

Daniel was a man of **PRAYER**. He had a habit of prayer (Daniel 6:10) and he had a humility in prayer (Daniel 6:10; 9:3ff). Christians today can pray with the same regularity and humility (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18).

Daniel was a man of **PERSISTENCE**. He served God continually (Daniel 6:16,20). Christians today can do the same (1 Corinthians 15:31; Acts 2:46).

Daniel was a man of **PRINCIPLE**. He refused to eat unclean food (Daniel 1:8ff), he refused to accept Belshazzar's gifts (Daniel 5:13ff), he refused to silence the truth (Daniel 4:20-27; 5:18-28), and he refused to obey the king's decree to stop praying to God (Daniel 6:4ff). Why was Daniel such a man of principle? "Because he had trusted in his God" (Daniel 6:23). Christians today can have the same conviction (Acts 5:29; Hebrews 11:6).

Daniel was a man of **PROSPERITY**. He prospered under the Medo-Persians (Daniel 6:28). Christians today can prosper without letting materialism and worldly affairs get in their way of serving God (Luke 12:20-21; 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19).

Daniel's country was changed and his name was changed, but his heart toward God remained the same. Friend, no matter what changes you are experiencing in life, your faith toward God can remain unchanged. Dare to be Daniel! - *Chris Reeves*