

## BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”  
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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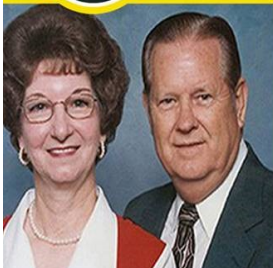
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## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Charles & Jurdlean Strong | Mexico



### PRAISE

- Praise God for safety during recent violence in response to the killing of a cartel leader. There was vandalism of cars, buses, and people were killed. Thankfully, the Strong's were safe.
- Praise God for the churches in Veracruz and all of the services leading up to Easter Sunday.
- Praise God for a good report for Diane, the wife of the Pastor in Rio Bravo. She went to the doctor for her 6 month check-up and all was well. She will have another follow-up in 6 months.

### PRAY

- Pray for upcoming Bible school, coming up in July and August. There are 14 Bible Schools planned in different areas. We pray for the funds to cover the cost of materials for Bible School.
- Pray for the Missions conference in early April. Pray that hearts are burdened for lost souls around the world and in our own city. Pray that God will stir in our lives.



## Choose Right Over Wrong

In a world filled with choices that test our values and beliefs, the verse from Daniel 1:8 stands as a powerful reminder of the importance of integrity and faithfulness to one’s convictions. “But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king’s food, or with the wine that he drank...” This impactful statement not only reflects Daniel’s personal commitment to his faith but also invites us to consider how we navigate our own moral landscapes today. How do we maintain our principles when faced with pressure to conform?

This verse highlights the idea of making conscious choices that align with one’s faith, even in the face of pressure from authority. Daniel’s resolve also reflects a broader spiritual principle: the need for believers to uphold their values and maintain their identity, particularly when faced with challenges that might lead them to stray from their beliefs. The significance of this verse can resonate with many today who find themselves in situations where they must choose between societal expectations and their personal convictions.

Reflecting on *Daniel 1:8* encourages us to consider our own lives and the choices we make daily. In our modern society, we often encounter situations where we must decide whether to adhere to our values or conform to outside pressures. Daniel’s story invites us to ponder: Are we willing to take a stand for our beliefs, even when it may lead to isolation or discomfort?

Moreover, Daniel’s resolve exemplifies the importance of setting boundaries that protect our spiritual integrity. It inspires us to evaluate what we consume, not just in terms of food, but also in the media we engage with, the conversations we participate in, and the environments we inhabit.

By embodying Daniel’s courage, we can cultivate a lifestyle rooted in our faith, encouraging others to do the same. In moments of uncertainty, we can draw strength from Daniel’s example, reminding ourselves that our choices reflect our deepest values and the faith we hold dear.

Resource: [bibleverseexplained.com](http://bibleverseexplained.com)

## KEY VERSE

Daniel 1:8 (NKJV)

*“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.”*

Read Daniel 1:1-21 Every Day

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Monday: Daniel 1:8

#### Introduction

1. What does Daniel’s resistance in Daniel 1:8 signify for us as believers? What must we do as followers of Jesus when the world tries to sway us?
2. According to paragraph 4 on pg. 1 what are some things we need to *evaluate* in terms of what we allow ourselves to consume?

### Tuesday: Daniel 1:1, 3-7; I Corinthians 10:13; I Peter 1:14-16

#### Know You Will Be Tempted Not To Do Right

3. What is the firm promise that is given to us in I Corinthians 10:13? Will God ever allow us to be *“tempted beyond what we are able?”*
4. I Peter 1:14-16 calls us to be *“obedient children, not conforming to our former lusts”* but to *“be holy!”* How do YOU define *holy*?

### Wednesday: Dan. 1:8; Exo. 34:14-15; 11 Cor. 2:11; Rom. 13:14

#### Decide Beforehand To Do Right

5. Daniel 1:8 informs us that *“Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself.”* How can we commit ourselves to do the same?
6. From the very beginning in Exodus 34:14-15 we are told our God *“is a jealous God.”* What are we warned of in verse 15?

### Thursday: Daniel 1:10, 11-13; Ephesians 4:28-29

#### Develop A Plan To Do Right

7. In Daniel 1:10 Daniel encounters resistance from the *“chief of the eunuchs”* because of fear. How will we face this kind of resistance?
8. What did Daniel do to convince those in charge of him to do as he asked? What gives him confidence that his plan will succeed? (Daniel 1:11-13)
9. What can we learn from Ephesians 4:28-29 about using bad for good? How does this Scripture show temptation being turned into positive action?

### Friday: Daniel 1:15-16, 20; Luke 11:28; James 1:12

#### Believe God Will Reward You For Doing Right

10. How are we shown through Daniel’s story in Daniel 1:15-16 that God will indeed reward our faithfulness and obedience?
11. What do we learn about God’s power working in and through His faithful in Daniel 1:20? What was the king’s ultimate assessment of Daniel?
12. James 1:12 gives not only hope but a solid promise to those of us who *“endure temptation.”* What will be our reward according to this verse?