

# **PROFITABLE**

## **Part 1: Living For God**

### **LIVING FOR GOD IS PROFITABLE (1 Timothy 4:8 NKJ)**

- ❖ **Profitable - useful, helpful, advantageous**
  - ◆ Living for God involves - awareness and adaptation
- ❖ **Truths you must embrace**
  - ◆ Living for God is attainable
  - ◆ Living for God adds value to your life
  - ◆ Living for God is activated by faith and courage

### **DANIEL: A MAN WHO LIVED FOR GOD (Daniel 1:5-9; 14-20 NKJ)**

- ❖ **A foreign culture with an aggressive agenda**
  - ◆ Learning Babylonian culture in order to serve the Babylonian king
  - ◆ Aggressive - in that their names were changed
- ❖ **Daniel makes a heart decision**
  - ◆ Purposed in his heart to not defile himself with unclean food
  - ◆ Requested a menu change - no small request that required courage
  - ◆ God had given Daniel favor - he optimized it for the right purpose
  - ◆ Daniel did not go alone - he had three like minded friends
- ❖ **Daniel's decision to live for God became advantageous, profitable to him**
  - ◆ God had to have affected their health - you typically don't get fatter on veggies and water
  - ◆ God gave them knowledge and skill - in the areas that were assigned to them
  - ◆ God caused them to stand far above others in their field

### **LIVING FOR GOD TODAY**

- ❖ **You are in a foreign culture with an aggressive agenda - to yield to it's ways**  
**(Galatians 1:4 NKJ)**
  - ◆ And they have names for you - weak, loser, intolerant, unenlightened, ignorant
- ❖ **Purpose in your heart to honor God**
  - ◆ Say no to the things that would defile you spiritually **(James 1:27 NKJ)**
  - ◆ Things that defile today are abundant - from the severe to the subtle
- ❖ **Living for Him is profitable for you**
  - ◆ What God did for Daniel and friends He can do for you - here is where faith & courage play in
  - ◆ Another profitable benefit is the peace it brings to your heart