

**Big Idea:****I can Excelerate my spiritual growth by taking my Next Steps**

Now the queen spoke, 'There is a man in your kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the Holy God... in as much as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel...' daniel5/10>12

"And in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm" daniel1/20

**\*Decide to identify with God**

"But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank..." daniel1/8

"And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, that would have had opportunity to return." hebrews11/15

**\*Renew your identity often**

"And he will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One." daniel7/25

"Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed... he continued to pray on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God as he had been doing previously." daniel6/10

**\*Trust God's ways**

"Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials." daniel1/9

"...he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself." daniel1/8b

**\*Be willing to be tested**

"Please test your servants for ten days, then let us be given some vegetables and water to drink, then let our appearance be observed in your presence. So he listened to them and tested them... daniel1/12>14

## Fusion Group Study Guide

This Fusion Group study guide is designed to help you apply the message to your life and grow in Christian maturity. We encourage you to make it a priority to be part of a Fusion Group on a regular basis. Our Fusion Groups are where faith and practice, where friendships with others, where learning and lifestyle are Fused Together. You can listen to our messages at our website: [www.acts176.com](http://www.acts176.com) by clicking on the "Resources" link. You can get info about our Fusion Groups from our web site as well, or my emailing [info@acts176.com](mailto:info@acts176.com).

**Celebrate (celebrating who God is, and what He is doing)**

1. Define in your own words what it means to possess an "excellent spirit".
2. How would your life be different if it were "ten times better" as referenced in Daniel 1:20?

**Contribute (contributing to God, His Church, and others)**

1. How can you identify with God:
  - At work
  - At school
  - At home
  - On the sports field
  - With your finances
  - With your schedule

**Connect (connecting with God and others)**

1. Why is it important to "renew your identity" with God?
2. How can you "renew your identity" with God each day?
3. What are two of the best ways you've found to "renew your identity" with God?

**Create (Creating other Christ Followers, and creating God's Kingdom on earth)**

1. God will test us but not tempt us. What is the difference between "testing" and "tempting"? (James 1:13)
2. How does God use "testing" to develop His image in you? How do you typically respond to God's testing?