



SAMSON PART : 8

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### Daniel 1: 1-21

Samson did not purpose his heart to live according to the calling that God had placed on his life. There was no conviction or follow through. By highlighting another bible 'hero' we can see how living "on purpose" bears much fruit.

"Purpose our hearts" (Daniel 1:8)

- A life decision, a conviction
- Basis of our choices – How we live, what we say, what we think about

Discuss:

- Are there people in your life / you are aware of who are role models for you because of the way they live – how they base their life choices / their conduct on God honouring convictions?

When we "purpose our hearts" in ways that reveal God and help our fellowship with Him, He provides:

- The power / ability (vs 9)
- The resources we need (Vs 17)
- The pace to continue to the end (vs 26)

Phil 4:13

- Discuss the lives of some 'bible heroes' in the light of this truth. E.g. Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Esther, Nehemiah, Mary, John the Baptist, Paul
- How did the Lord provide power, resources and pace to some of these people as they chose to honour Him with their lives and move in fellowship with Him?

Daniel formed some significant convictions throughout his life. These convictions were tested many times but, through the testing, they bore fruit.

- Share examples from your own life where you 'purposed' your heart to honour God and lived by your convictions.

\*\*\*Spend time sharing who we are praying for as individuals in the 'byname' initiative. Then pray for these people 'by name'.\*\*\*

\*\*\*What activity is your group planning this Christmas season to connect with our community?\*\*\*