

## Emmanuel Prayer List - August

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- To faithfully persist in intercessory prayer for individuals, events, ministries, and missions.
- Thankful for the Prayer Chain and all involved.
- To encourage all to join in prayer on Wednesday Afternoon Prayer at 3:00.
- For us all to corporately present all requests, concerns, petitions to lay it all at the feet of Jesus.

E.M.Bounds wrote, "The very essence of prayer is the spirit of devotion and is the mightiest agent to advance God's purpose."

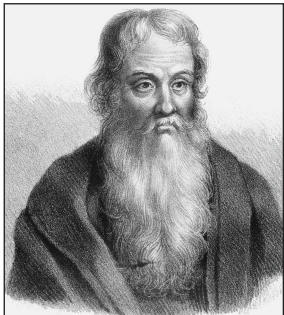
Spending time in prayer brings us in line with God's purpose and will.

- Pray earnestly, fervently, every day, pray for people, for yourself, pray continuously, give thanks, pray for whatever comes to your mind, pray, pray, pray!

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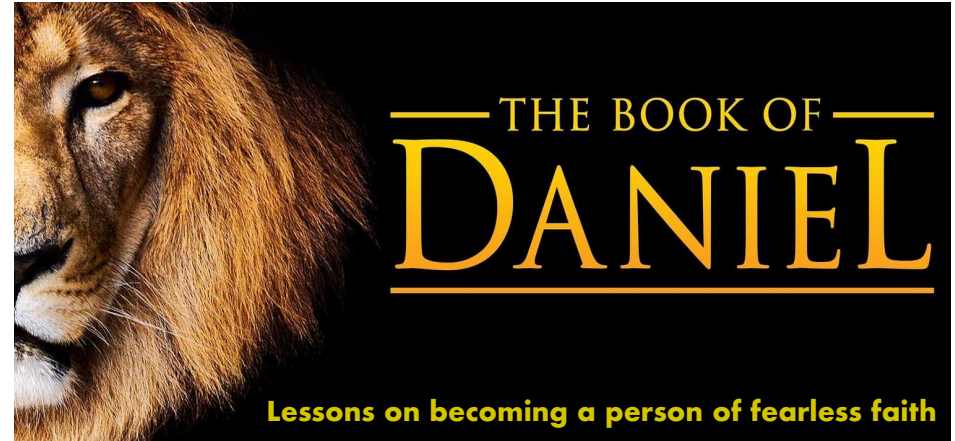
### Study Continued

5. What does Daniel 1:17 tell us about where Daniel and the others got their insight? There are a number of references in the book of Daniel that point to Daniel receiving his insight from the Spirit of God (eg. Daniel 5:11). Romans 8:9 tells us as Christians that we have the Spirit of Christ within us. Ephesians 5:18 tells us to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:16 & 5:25 tell us to walk by the Spirit, live by the Spirit and keep in step with the Spirit. How do we do this?
6. Read Daniel 1:2, 9 & 17. What do you notice about each of these verses? In what way is this significant in our lives when it comes to the challenges we face? How does knowing that God is in control, even in what seems like negative things, enable us to trust Him with the outcome?
7. Daniel had resolved to live for God long before he was faced with this test. So, this week, will you be resolved to stand alone, if necessary, for the glory of God and the cause of Christ. Now pray for the strength to do so.



**Eusebius of Caesarea** c.265-339  
Bishop, Theologian and Church historian.

When the Emperor Valens threatened Eusebius with confiscation of all his goods, torture, banishment, or even death, the courageous Eusebius replied:  
"He needs not fear confiscation, who has nothing to lose; nor banishment, to whom heaven is his country; nor torments, when his body can be destroyed at one blow; nor death, which is the only way to set him free from sin and sorrow."



But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. Daniel 1:8

1. Learn to stand alone - Daniel 1
2. Trust God in all circumstances - Daniel 2:1-30
3. Know that God is in control - Daniel 2:31-49
4. Be courageous in the face of opposition - Daniel 3
5. The truth is still the truth - Daniel 4
6. Heed the warnings - Daniel 5
7. Be a person of integrity - Daniel 6:1-15
8. You don't need to survive - Daniel 6:13-28
9. Jesus is coming again - Daniel 7-8
10. The end of times - Daniel 9-11
11. Is your name in the book? - Daniel 12

## Learn to stand alone - Daniel 1

Be \_\_\_\_\_ to live for Jesus no matter what.

We are called to be \_\_\_\_\_ the world but not \_\_\_\_\_ the world. (John 17:15)

### ONE AGAINST THE WORLD

Background on the book of Daniel:

v.3-5 The purpose of training Daniel and his friends was...

New language:

New culture:

New names: Daniel \_\_\_\_\_  
Hananiah \_\_\_\_\_  
Mishael \_\_\_\_\_  
Azariah \_\_\_\_\_

New diet:

### LEARNING TO STAND ALONE

v.8 But Daniel \_\_\_\_\_ not to defile himself with the royal food and wine

1. Daniel \_\_\_\_\_ to serve God - no matter the cost.

Resolved =

Romans 12:2

2. Daniel was \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:9

Ephesians 5:18

3. Daniel \_\_\_\_\_ God - regardless of the outcome.

It would be easy to think that Nebuchadnezzar was calling the shots, but read verses 2, 9, & 17. What do they tell you?

1. Read Daniel 1:1-7. After the defeat of Judah to King Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel and his friends have been taken from their families, as teenagers, 2700KM to Babylon, with the intent of turning them into good Babylonians who will serve the king. From this passage, examine the pressures on these young men. How hard would it have been to stay true to God?

Read Romans 12:1-2. What do these two verses teach us as Christians, in standing up to the indoctrination of the world?

2. How hard do you think it is to live a life that honours God in our culture? What does a life that honours God look like?

What is the attitude towards Christianity and Christians in the workplace, school, university, politics, in the media etc?

Read John 17:13-19. What does it mean to be in the world, but not of the world? From this passage, what do we have to give us the strength to stand?

3. Verse 8 says, "But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine." What does 'Daniel resolved' mean?

Go back to Romans 12:1-2. From these two verses, how must we 'resolve' ourselves?

4. Daniel resolved to live his life according to the word of God. One of the best passages in the New Testament on standing against the world is found in Ephesians 6:10-18. First of all, how many times is the word 'stand' used? Why do you think this is repeated so much?

What are the devils schemes? Why is our battle not against flesh and blood?

Go through each of the pieces of armour and explain what each means practically in standing against the enemy?

Notice that there is no armour for your back. Why?