

Pastor Emeritus Jerry Marshall	The Essentials Ingredients for an Uncompromising Life
<p>Jeremiah 25:1–11 (NASB95)</p> <p>1 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon),</p> <p>2 which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,</p> <p>3 "From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, these twenty-three years the word of the Lord has come to me, and I have spoken to you again and again, but you have not listened.</p> <p>4 "And the Lord has sent to you all His servants the prophets again and again, but you have not listened nor inclined your ear to hear,</p> <p>5 saying, 'Turn now everyone from his evil way and from the evil of your deeds, and dwell on the land which the Lord has given to you and your forefathers forever and ever;</p> <p>6 and do not go after other gods to serve them and to worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands, and I will do you no harm.'</p> <p>7 "Yet you have not listened to Me," declares the Lord, "in order that you might provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm.</p> <p>8 "Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts, 'Because you have not obeyed My words,</p> <p>9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,' declares the Lord, 'and I will send to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land and against its inhabitants and against all these nations round about; and I will utterly destroy them and make them a horror and a hissing, and an everlasting desolation.</p> <p>10 'Moreover, I will take from them the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp.</p> <p>11 'This whole land will be a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.</p>	<p>This morning, we will delve into the Scriptures to understand why some followers of the living God refuse to compromise their obedience and commitment to Him, even when faced with dire consequences.</p> <p>From the narratives in the book of Daniel, I've identified three key traits that form the foundation of an uncompromising life, all of which are evident in the lives of Daniel and his three friends.</p> <p>I. The Conquest (Daniel 1:1-2)</p> <p>II. The Command (Daniel 1:3-5)</p> <p>III. The Captives (Daniel 1:6-7)</p> <p>IV. The Courage of Convictions (Daniel 1:8)</p> <p>V. The Commander's Reluctance (Daniel 1:9-10)</p> <p>VI. The Commander's Consent (Daniel 1:11-14)</p>

Practical Implications

What are the ingredients necessary to live an uncompromising life for the glory of the Lord?

1. The first ingredient is a preestablished **resolve** to conform your life to God's will, no matter the personal cost.

It requires drawing the line for your life where God draws the line.

Can such a resolve be found in you? I mean down deep in your heart. After all, you live during a time of compromise.

2. The second ingredient is **trusting** God with the **outcome** of your obedience instead of being overtaken by fear of the potential consequences of your unbending commitment to the Lord and His will. Is this true of you?

We tend to assume the worse in terms of the outcome of our obedience, but our God is sovereign over all circumstances, and whatever the outcome, you can be certain that it is God's best for us.

3. The third ingredient of an uncompromising life is found in those whose conduct is governed by **Biblical principles** (Daniel 3:8-10)

Would people see you as a predictably principled person whose choices and conduct are always governed by godly principles? Or would they see you as having a price at which you will discard your God's principle for some perceived personal advantage? (See Daneil 3:10-11)