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Being sensible [*aware*] that I am unable to do any thing without God's help,
I do humbly intreat Him by His grace to enable me to keep these resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to His will, for Christ's sake.

Resolved: Never to do any thing, which I should be afraid to do, if it were the last hour of my life.

Resolved: To maintain the strictest temperance in eating and drinking.

Resolved: To study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive myself to grow in the knowledge of the same.

Resolved: To ask myself at the end of every day, week, month and year, wherein I could possibly in any respect have done better.

Resolved: Frequently to renew the dedication of
myself to God,
which was made at my baptism,
which I solemnly renewed, when I was received
into the communion of the church;
and which I have solemnly re-made this twelfth
day of January, 1722.

Resolved: Never hence-forward, till I die,
to act as if I were any way my own,
but entirely and altogether God's.

Resolved: Never to give over, nor in the least to
slacken my fight with my corruptions, however
unsuccessful I may be.

Selective Compromise?

Food *unclean*

Meat/wine offered to idols before eaten

Accepting it meant accepting
Nebuchadnezzar's overlordship

Babylonian food defiling simply because it
was Babylonian

Simple lifestyle reminded Daniel of
dependence on God

Have you purposed in your heart to honour the Lord even in small matters?

Cf. Job 31:1

What factors influenced Daniel to take such a stand?

Train Up a Child...

1. Daniel was taught by Godly parents.

If we want our children to stand for the Lord we must teach them the way of the Lord. (Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4.)

***This is primarily the responsibility of
Christian parents!***

2. Daniel was taught by faithful teachers.

Daniel was born around 622 BC.
What was going on in Jerusalem then?

Cf. 2 Chronicles 34.

Daniel was born at a time of revival in Judah and was taught by Godly teachers who rediscovered God's Law.

We must pray for our teachers,
cf. James 3:1; 2 Timothy 2:15.

3. Daniel had come to personally love God.

Faithfulness in small things is preparation for faithfulness in big things.

Do you want your life to count for God?

Resolve to be faithful in small things,
cf. Luke 16:10.