The Truth in Love

WHEN TO DRAW THE LINE

Daniel 1:1-21 Jeff Schreve

But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself Daniel 1:8

Do you know when to draw the line in our antichristian world?

- **1. We must be careful with the <u>indoctrination</u> of the world.** We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. 1 John 5:19
 - A. The world says evolution is a fact.
 - B. The world says the Bible cannot be trusted.
 - C. The world says there are many ways to God.
 - D. The world says biblical morality is outdated and obsolete.
 - E. The world says your God has been defeated.

2. We must get our boundary lines from the Word of God.

- A. We cannot defile ourselves.
- B. We cannot <u>set ourselves up for defeat</u>. Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals." 1 Corinthians 15:33
- C. We cannot <u>approve of sin</u>. Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Isaiah 5:20
- D. We cannot let <u>consequences</u> overrule <u>God's commands</u>. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Revelation 2:10

3. We must walk in humility and show respect for all people.

... so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself. Daniel 1:8

- A. We can act in love, kindness, and conviction.
- B. We can trust God to bless us for our obedience.
- C. We must be willing to give our best. And as for every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king consulted them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and conjurers who were in all his realm. Daniel 1:20

Will you be the witness He wants you to be?