

# **ALL IN: You Will Be Tested**

## **(Daniel 1:1-14)**

### **Introduction**

Fifty-six American Revolutionary patriots signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, putting their commitment to freedom to the test. Fully aware of the price of their signatures, they willingly inked their names on the significant document. Of those original signers, five were captured by the British and tortured before they died. Nine others died in the Revolutionary War, either from its hardships or its bullets. Twelve had their homes sacked, looted, burned, or occupied by the enemy. Two lost their sons in battle. One had two sons captured. Yes, the price of freedom was high indeed for those men; however, their commitment allowed them to stand the test.

Several years prior, another significantly smaller group of men exemplified commitment as well. Their commitment was not to national freedom, but to a sovereign God. Shadrach, Meshach Abednego, and Daniel refused to compromise their convictions and proved their commitment to Jehovah. Commitment characterized the life of each man, especially that of Daniel. His commitment allowed him to stand the tests of his day.

**Contextualize Daniel 1.** Daniel's ALL IN commitment was tested. Yours will be too! The enemy does not want ALL IN disciples.

**Contextualize this sermon** in the ALL IN series.

## **I. The Testing of Daniel**

- A) The pains of captivity (1:1, 2)**
- B) The plan of indoctrination (1:3, 4)**
- C) The seeds of compromise (1:5)**

## **II. The Convictions of Daniel**

- A) Fixed purpose (1:6-8)**
- B) Faithful stand (1:8-10)**

### **C) Firm confidence (1:11-15)**

## **III. The Glorification of God**

### **A) An honored request (1:16)**

### **B) An honored commitment (1:17-20)**

### **C) A glorified Lord (1:20, 23)**

God demonstrates His care for those who stand firm amid the tests of the world. He blessed Daniel as he stood on his personal convictions.

God will do the same for you! Does that mean that every time you stand for Christ you will have positive results? No, but you will make a positive impact for Christ! That is your purpose in life!

## **Conclusion**