What To Do When Your Beliefs Are Bombarded! Bold: Learning To Live With An Audacious Faith! Pt.3 Daniel 1:4-5, 17-20 September 24, 2017

Proverbs 24:5, The wise prevail through great power, and those who have knowledge muster their strength.

Proverbs 23:23, Buy the truth and do not sell it—wisdom, instruction and insight as well.

Proverbs 4:13, *Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.*

(Daniel 1:4, 1:17)

How To Excel In Your Education Without Losing Your Faith:

- Decide In Advance To Stand For God <u>REGARDLESS</u> <u>Daniel 1:8</u>, <u>Daniel resolved not to defile himself</u>... <u>2 Timothy 3:12</u>, In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus <u>will be persecuted</u>. (1 Timothy 6:20)
- 2. Never Stop Growing And LEARNING

Proverbs 2:6, For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. ⁷He holds success in store for the upright, <u>He is a shield</u> to those whose walk is blameless...

Proverbs 18:15, *The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise* <u>seek it out</u>. (Proverbs 19:8)

3. Bathe Yourself In <u>GOD'S WORD</u> <u>Joshua 1:8</u>, <u>Keep</u> this Book of the Law always on your lips; <u>meditate</u> on it day and night, so that you may be careful <u>to do</u> everything written in it. <u>Then</u> you will be prosperous and successful.

Psalm 119:104, *I gain understanding from Your <u>precepts;</u> therefore <u>I hate every wrong path.</u> (Psalm 119:99)*

4. Choose Other Believers As Your <u>BEST FRIENDS</u>

<u>1 Corinthians 15:33</u>, Do not be misled: "<u>Bad company</u> <u>corrupts good character</u>." <u>Proverbs 14:7</u>, <u>Stay away from a fool</u>, for you will not find knowledge on their lips. (Psalm 1:1)

5. Stay Connected To Church, A Small Group, And A <u>MINISTRY</u>

Hebrews 10:24, And let us consider how we may <u>spur one</u> another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

6. God Will Reward You For Your <u>FAITHFULNESS</u>

<u>Matthew 5:11</u>, "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, <u>because great is your</u> <u>reward in heaven</u>, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Cottonwood Creek Challenge:

Three ways you can grow a bold faith with us in the next 7 weeks; 1) Attend every worship service or watch it online; 2) Find a Life Group or Home Group for the next 7 weeks; 3) Follow along with my daily devotion on building a bold faith.

Other Verses To Read:

(Proverbs 15:33;2 Timothy 2:15, Proverbs 15:14, Ecclesiastes 10:3, 1 Peter 2:15, Philippians 2:9, Proverbs 1:7)