

CrossWalk notes

Stand Out

Wisdom and Tact

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How do I get the wisdom and tact God wants for me?

Daniel 2:1-10 – The King has a bad dream. He wants his wise men to tell him the dream and interpret it for him.

¹¹ What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans.” ¹² This made the king so angry and furious that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon. ¹³ So the decree was issued to put the wise men to death, and men were sent to look for Daniel and his friends to put them to death. **Daniel 2:11-13, NIV**

The wisdom I _____ only God _____.

¹⁴ When Arioch, the commander of the king’s guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact. ¹⁵ He asked the king’s officer, “Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?” Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel. ¹⁶ At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him. ¹⁷ Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. ¹⁸ He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. ¹⁹ During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. **Daniel 2:14-19^a, NIV**

Ask _____. Ask for _____.

Include your trusted _____.

_____ to God for _____.

Then Daniel praised the God of heaven ²⁰ and said:
“Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his . . . ²² He reveals deep and hidden things. . . ²³ I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors. . . you have made known to me what we asked of you, you have made known to us the dream of the king.” **Daniel 2:19^b-23, NIV (selected)**

²⁷ Daniel replied, “No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, ²⁸ but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. **Daniel 2:27-28, NIV**

Never take _____ for doing what only _____ can do because later you will also have to take _____.

Daniel 2:24-45 Daniel shares and interprets the dreams.

⁴⁶ Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell prostrate before Daniel and paid him honor and ordered that an offering and incense be presented to him. ⁴⁷ The king said to Daniel, “Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery.” ⁴⁸ Then the king placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men. **Daniel 2:46-48, NIV**

God’s wisdom and greatness make me _____.

MEMORY VERSE

Then Daniel praised the God of heaven ²⁰ and said:
“Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his . . . **Daniel 2:19^a-20, NIV**

My next step: We have wisdom from God through Jesus. He has revealed all we need to know through his cross and empty tomb.

What’s your next step?
Mark it on your connection card.