

## Three Principles For School – And the Rest of Your Life

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- <sup>14</sup> Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I <sup>15</sup> have set up? Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will <sup>16</sup> deliver you out of my hands?” Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, <sup>17</sup> “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the <sup>18</sup> burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

- **Three Guiding Principles**

- They knew and were convicted of what they believed.
  - There is a difference between knowledge and conviction.
  - A Bible example of conviction: Heb. 11:24-27
  - Be armed with your convictions before you find yourself under fire. (Dan. 1:8; Ezra 7:10; Gen. 39:9; II Tim. 1:12)
  - Know what is right, and behave according to your convictions.
- What they believed guided and shaped their choices.
  - Their choice was not based on the emotion of the moment.
  - Their choice was not based on the convenience or comfort of the moment.
  - It was shaped by their beliefs.
  - The Devil will try to get us to excuse sin. (I Pet. 5:8)
- They knew that their choices had consequences. (Gal. 6:7-9)