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**First, fully resolved to obey the Lord. Second, not abrasive but rather respectful.**

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**Believers are always to be subject to those in authority. Submission is really to God!**

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**As with Daniel, he was respectful. He didn't refuse to obey, he asked respectfully.**

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**Absolutely. God gave him favor. But Daniel was ready to (expected?) die, if God's will!**

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How have believers *always* faced the *real issue* confronting Daniel? **Rom.12:1-2**

**The world system (philosophy) is always trying to squeeze us into it's mold. Conform!!**

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**It's by renewal (metamorphous) of your mind (thoughts, will). It's by 'All Scripture...'**

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**Daniel was a student of the Word! In chapter 9 he's seen studying Jeremiah. His habit!**

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**10 times better than the kings magicians. Believers should be exemplary in life!**

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