

Courage of Faith: Daniel 3

A Notesheet for Lesson 4 of Applied Citizenship 101

 **Truth 1** Authorities are under significant pressure to _____ to the status quo (3:4-7).

Government officials are in the middle of a spiritual _____ between light and darkness (Eph. 6:12).

The Christian citizen must both pray for his authorities and _____ them when they go against the tide of wickedness in government (I Timothy 2:1-2; I Peter 2:13-14).

 **Truth 2** The Christian citizen must thoughtfully _____ when there is no room for creative alternatives on a point of obedience to his faith (3:16-18).

Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael understood that they did not have any other option then respectful, but firm _____ to obey the king's unrighteous command.

One of the most powerful weapons the Christian has is not fearing death. "To be prepared to die is to be prepared to _____." – Charles Spurgeon

 **Truth 3** The Christian citizen leaves the _____ of obedience to God. (3:18).

"_____ is ours, results are God's." – John Quincy Adams

The result of the three Hebrew officials' courageous obedience to their faith was religious _____ for all the Jewish captives in Babylon (Daniel 3:29).

Consider this: if Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael had perished in the fiery furnace, the story still would have had a _____ ending because "they overcame...and they did not love their lives to the death" (Revelation 12:10-11).