

Argyle LifeGroup Discussion, Guardrails, Part 7

Pray

1. We've all had a chance to consider the value of having personal guardrails in our life.

So why would some of us choose not to use them?

One reason could be that I think it's a great idea for everyone else, but it's just not for me.

Read Proverbs 22:3 Discuss.

2. Another reason could be that having guardrails could actually get in the way of what we want to do. We want to do some things and we know that a guardrail will only hold us back.

"But refusing to setup guardrails does not take away the temptation, it only increases the consequences." Discuss.

3. "Giving in doesn't take away the pressure, it just makes it harder to say no."

Discuss.

4. You never eat a meal that you never need another meal. Whatever it is that you have an appetite for: food, money, power, drugs, sex, alcohol, tobacco, attention, whatever it is, it will never be fully satisfied. Never. Discuss.

5. Describe King Nebuchadnezzar's scheme for building up his kingdom of Babylonians.

6. Read Daniel 1:8

But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

Why do you think Daniel resolved and made up his mind?

7. Daniel resolved, Daniel made up his mind before he knew how his story ended.

What does that tell you about Daniel?

8. Read Daniel 1:9 (NIV) "Now God"

This is and should always be, the most important part of every decision we make.

As you're deciding if you're going to put up guardrails or not,

as you think about your life and your future,

this is the part that many times you forget to factor in,

and this is the part that Daniel KNEW NOT to leave out. Discuss.

9. You would be amazed at the number of times that God becomes the most real, and gives the clearest direction in life, when we make up our mind and setup guardrails in our life. Maybe we weren't even trying to make a decision about a direction in life, but "God used that guardrail to not only protect us, but to direct us." Discuss.