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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

No, they couldn't stay up 'til midnight, because they would be tired and grumpy the next day and that would be no way to begin the New Year. Mother brought out some funny noisemakers and balloons, and they laughed and had lots of fun being silly. Sugar cookies, popcorn, and hot chocolate tasted just fine! Their "party" was great, but the time went by quickly, and it was soon time to settle down and get to bed. "But Mother, what about our resolutions? Most people make resolutions for the New Year."

"Well, let's talk about that in our devotion time." Story time was not long, but Mother shortly came to the point. "Daniel was a young man away from home, a slave in a strange land among heathen people who knew nothing of the God of heaven. A big test was set before Daniel. "If you want to be accepted by the king and get a good job, you must eat the meat and drink the king requires." The trouble was that such meat had been offered to heathen idols in worship of false gods."

"Daniel knew to eat that meat would not be right. It would be betraying his God, so he respectfully but solidly refused. The Bible says, 'Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank' (Dan. 1:8). Daniel put his life on the line to be true to God!"

"Many people make resolutions but break them in only a few days. Daniel was willing to put his life on the line to do right and be true to his God. Let us also purpose in our hearts to be true to Christ at all cost in the new year!

Does your school have a track team? Athletes practice daily to improve their skills and reach a higher standard. Even though prayer is not a sport, it is a serious privilege and duty. We can increase in success by faith and practice. The Bible tells of many men and women who prayed earnestly and of how God answered. God delivered Daniel from the lions in answer to prayer.

God's High Standard

Daniel prayed three times a day (Daniel 6:10). David prayed three times a day (Ps.55:17) and he praised the Lord seven times a day (Ps.119:164). But Paul moved the standard even higher. He told us to "Pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17)." That is a very high standard, but let's purpose in our hearts to pray earnestly in the new year. What will be your standard for prayer? Circle your answer:

LITTLE - MORE - MUCH

(Be sure to take your vitamins and say your Vita-Verse every day!)



**"...Whatsoever ye shall ask
the Father in my name, he
will give it you."**

John 16:23b

Can you memorize this verse and say it to your parents or teacher?



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WHAT'S THAT HUMMING SOUND?

On a warm summer evening, you can often hear a pleasant humming sound, almost a buzzing sound outside. That's because the trees are full of locusts playing in their locust orchestra. They don't have to carry their musical instrument in a case; their own bodies are their instruments! They also don't have to "tune up" before their concert. All they have to do is rub the tiny spikes on the inner surface of their back legs against the edges of their front wings, and TA-DAH! You have music!

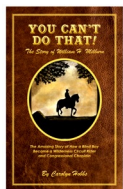


Locusts belong to the grasshopper family. They thrive in warm weather, but when winter and cold weather come, the locusts hide and go numb. When the weather gets warm, they get moving again!

Locusts love green salads! With their cutting jaws that nip off leaves, grass, and even bark of trees, they eat enormous servings! They travel in great swarms and can cover a field like a blanket, eating it down to nothing. Sometimes the swarms are so large, they block out the sun. They can devour and destroy whole crops over thousands of acres, then keep on marching and chomping. The damage they can do is immeasurable!

God used a plague of locusts to force Pharaoh to let His people leave Egypt. The insects attacked and devoured until there was nothing green left! (Ex. 10:8-20). One locust alone is of little note, but when they "go forth all of them by bands" (Prov. 30:27) they do a vast work. As a Christian, we may not feel that we can accomplish much for the Lord, but if all of us *pray* much, *witness* often, and *give* freely to God's work, we could see God do great things for His glory!

We also need to examine ourselves to see that we do not grow cold in heart and numb to God's Word. Come to Him daily in His Word and prayer. Let the "Sun of Righteousness" warm our hearts and move us to serve Him in the new year.



A WINTRY DAY?

Too cold outside? Cozy up to the fire with a good book. *You Can't Do That!* is just the challenge for the new year. Read it yourself; share it out loud with others.

Good for "a chapter a day" for family devotions or classroom reading.

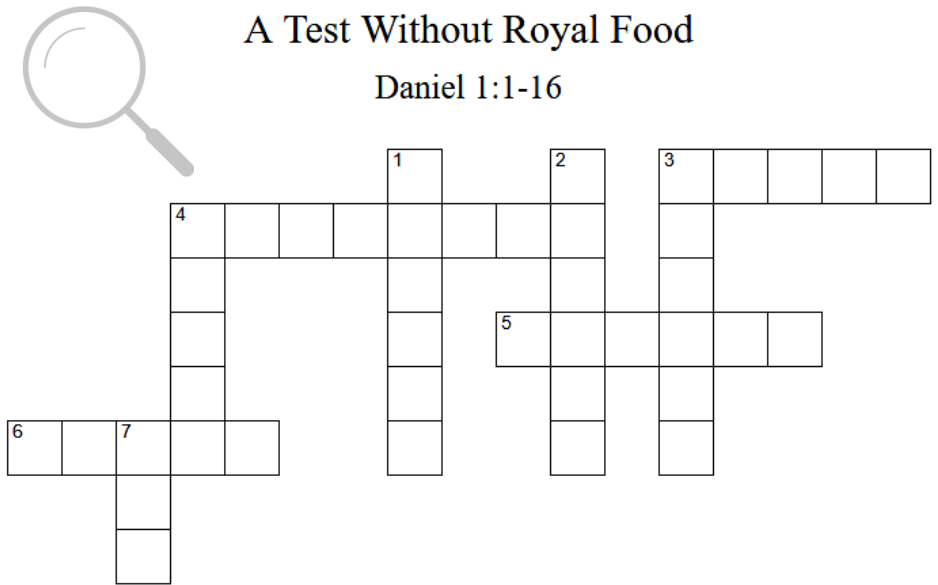
Who was William Milburn? What did he do that people called impossible?

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A Test Without Royal Food

Daniel 1:1-16



ACROSS

- 3 How often the king wanted the Israelites to eat his food (v.5)
- 4 What Melzar the guard did with the meat and wine (two words, v. 16)
- 5 What the Israelites did not want the king's food to do to them (v.8)
- 6 Liquid to drink during the test (v.12)

DOWN

- 1 The place where the Israelites were to stand and serve the king (v.4)
- 2 What the prince of the eunuchs was afraid of losing (two words, v.10)
- 3 The original Hebrew name for Belteshazzar (v.7)
- 4 The number of years the king ordered the Israelites to eat his food (v.5)
- 7 The number of days the Israelites' test was to last (v.12)

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DID YOU KNOW?

Locusts can fly for 15 hours at a time!



ACROSS
 3 DAILY
 4 TOOKAWAY
 5 DEFILE
 6 WATER
 DOWN
 1 PALACE
 2 MYHEAD
 3 DANIEL
 4 THREE
 7 TEN

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