

# CONSECRATION

LIVING IN THE DAYS OF DANIEL



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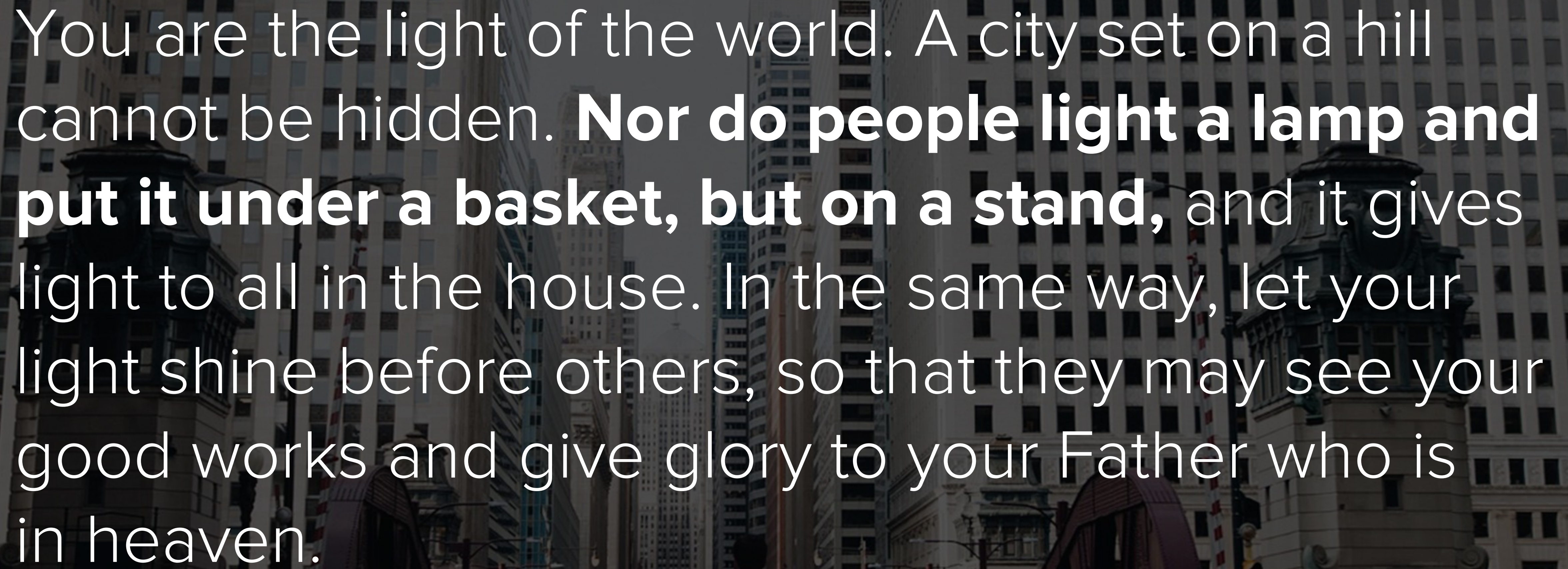
- A Separation to the Purposes, Plans, and Person of God
- A Separation Motivated by Our Affections





# CONSECRATION LEADS TO ELEVATION





You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. **Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand,** and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16



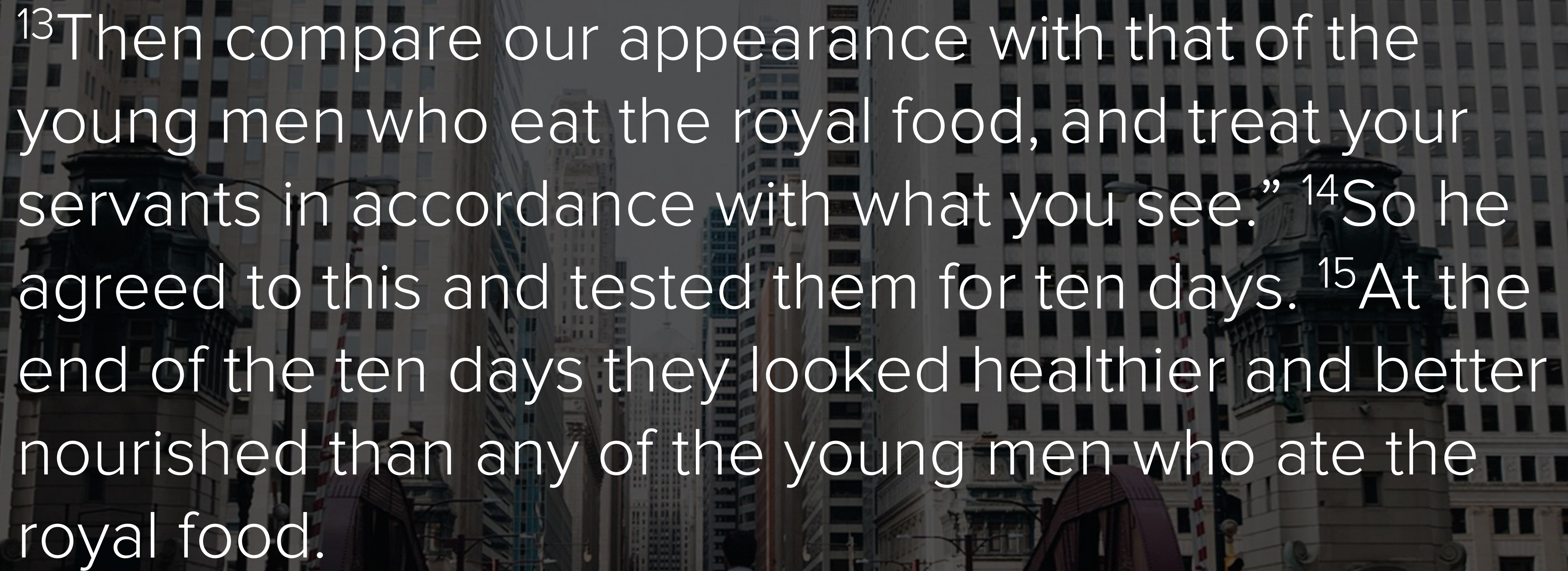
<sup>8</sup>But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. <sup>9</sup>Now God had caused the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel, <sup>10</sup>but the official told Daniel, “I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink.

Daniel 1:8-21 (NIV)



Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you.” <sup>11</sup>Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Michael and Azariah, <sup>12</sup>“Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. Daniel 1:8-21 (NIV)

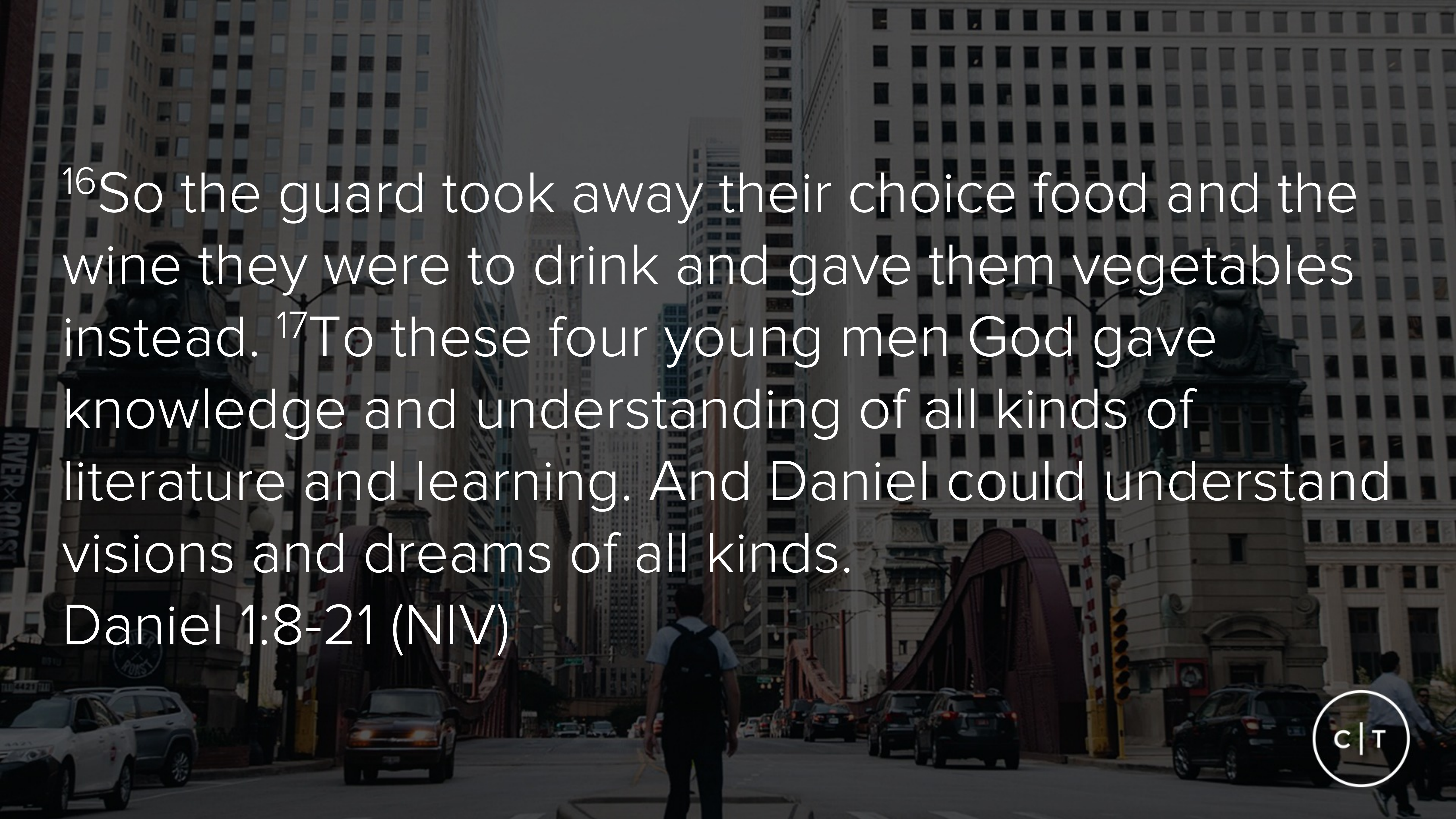




<sup>13</sup>Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see.” <sup>14</sup>So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days. <sup>15</sup>At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food.

Daniel 1:8-21 (NIV)

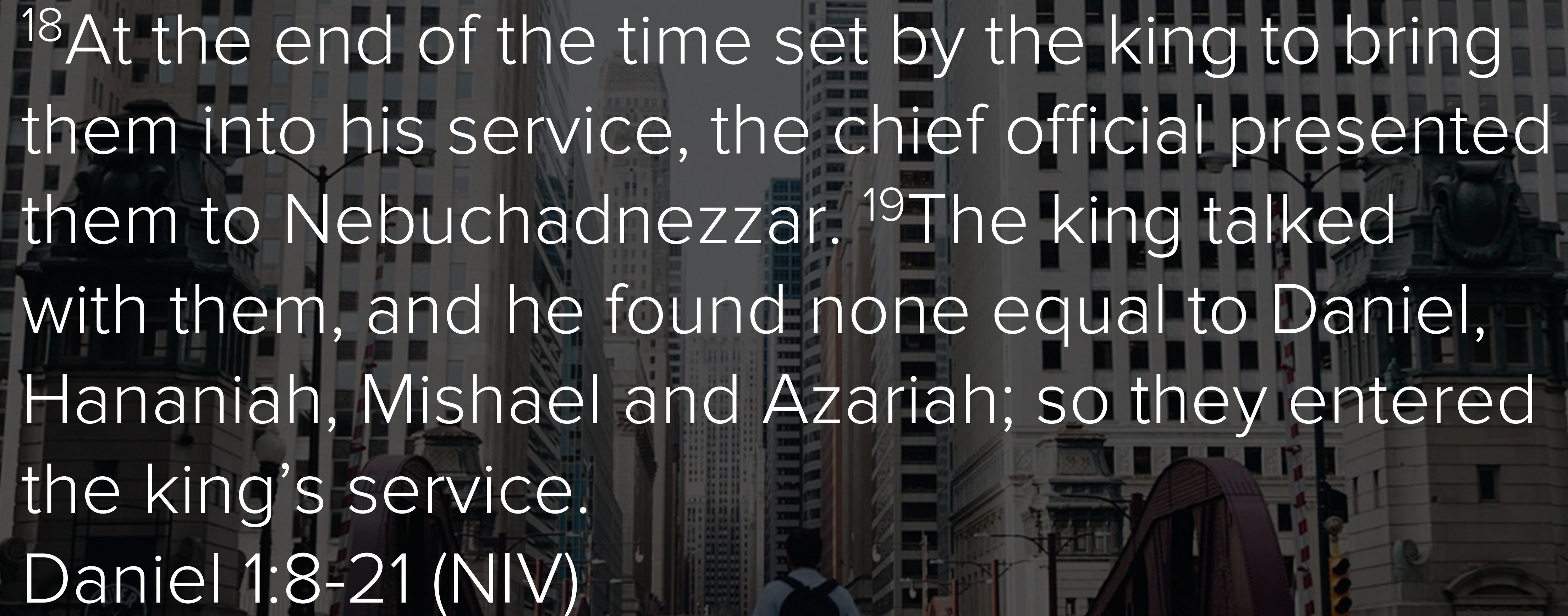




<sup>16</sup>So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead. <sup>17</sup>To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

Daniel 1:8-21 (NIV)





<sup>18</sup>At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>19</sup>The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service.  
Daniel 1:8-21 (NIV)



<sup>20</sup>In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom. <sup>21</sup>And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.  
Daniel 1:8-21 (NIV)



# Defilement

- To Make Unclean, to Render Impure or Dirty:  
To Corrupt
- A Momentary Pleasure that Leads to Lengthy Degradation
- Participating in Any Indulgence That Glorifies the Wrong King



# Consecration Takes Place Through Heavenly Support

Now **God had caused** the official to show favor and  
compassion to Daniel

Daniel 1:9





# Consecration Takes Place Through Heavenly Support

Small Steps of Separation are Honored in a Big Way!



# Consecration Will Brighten Your Countenance

At the end of the ten days **they looked healthier and better nourished** than any of the young men who ate the royal food.

Daniel 1:15





# Consecration Will Brighten Your Countenance

Countenance is the Supernatural Witness of God  
Through Us in Times of Darkness



# Consecration Makes Us Better

In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, **he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.**

Daniel 1:20





# Consecration Makes Us Better

We Are the Carriers of His Truth and Love