



## Credibility Message 2

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### ► Outline

... *Daniel handled the situation with wisdom and discretion.*

Daniel 2:14 (NLT)

**Credibility = believability based on living**

a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian life.

#### A. Background

(Daniel 2:1-13. C/R: Daniel 1:17-21)

#### B. How to create credibility:

(Daniel 2:14-49)

1. Ask for \_\_\_\_\_ to assist.

(Daniel 2:14-16. C/R: Galatians 6:9-10;  
Ephesians 5:15-17; Colossians 4:5-6)

2. Appeal to God for \_\_\_\_\_.

(Daniel 2:17-23. C/R: Proverbs 2:6-7; 2 Timothy 3:16-17;  
James 1:5-8)

3. Attribute \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

(Daniel 2:24-35. C/R: Matthew 5:16; John 15:8;  
1 Peter 2:12)

4. Answer \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_.

(Daniel 2:36-45. C/R: Ephesians 4:15; Philippians 2:3-4;  
1 Peter 3:14-15)

Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(Daniel 2:46-49)

**Answers:** consistent **B. 1.** opportunities **2.** wisdom **3.** benefit **4.** honestly, kindly, Reward  
**Resource Information:** Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.



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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or by yourself to pursue a relationship with Jesus. Check out other Bible study tools at [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com), [biblestudytools.com](http://biblestudytools.com), or [bible.com](http://bible.com). Find a Small Group at [brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups](http://brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups).

### Conversation Starter

Name one of the wisest people you know personally. What made that person come to mind?

### Opening in Prayer

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart*

*And do not lean on your own understanding.*

*In all your ways acknowledge Him,*

*And He will make your paths straight. [Proverbs 3:5-6 \(NASB\)](#)*

Spend a few moments in prayer, asking God to guide your time in His Word.

### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Daniel 2:1-13](#).

1. Why do you think it was so important to Nebuchadnezzar that he understand the dream? What were his motives?
2. Why did he demand they recount the dream itself as well as explain its meaning?
3. Why were Daniel and his friends included in the execution order?
4. How do you think you would have responded if you were Daniel?

Read [Daniel 2:14-28](#).

5. How does Daniel demonstrate wisdom in the way he approaches this situation?
6. What do we learn about God from [vs. 20-23](#)?

Read [Daniel 2:25-49](#).

7. What's the point of the dream? How would you summarize it?
8. Judging from the response of the king ([vs. 46-47](#)), Daniel was right on about the dream and its meaning. What impact did this have on the lives of Daniel and his friends? On the king and his men?
9. How does this story connect to your life? Name at least one truth or application that's relevant for you.

### Growing in Wisdom

10. Throughout the Bible, we learn that wisdom is found through a relationship with God, not in philosophies or education apart from God. Read [Colossians 2:1-10](#). How can we grow in true wisdom?  
*See also: [Proverbs 1:1-7](#); [Job 28:12-28](#); [Ecclesiastes 12:13-14](#).*

### Soul Training

Pause. Quiet your heart. Then read [Proverbs 2:6-7](#) out loud several times. With humility, ask God to give you wisdom about specific areas of your life.

### Memory Verse

*Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. [Ephesians 5:16-17 \(NLT\)](#)*

### Daily Reading

Day 1: [Proverbs 1:1-7](#)

Day 4: [1 Corinthians 1:24-31](#)

Day 2: [1 Peter 3:13-18](#)

Day 5: [Hebrews 13:17-21](#)

Day 3: [Psalm 37:30-40](#)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, February 10, we'll continue in the book of Daniel, with a focus on living with COMMITMENT – being determined to remain true to God *even at great cost*. To prepare your heart and mind, read [Daniel chapter 3](#).



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