



New International Version is used for questions

1. Read Daniel 2:1-28. What did Nebuchadnezzar ask his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers to do? How did they answer him? Why do you think he asked them to do this seemingly impossible thing?
2. What do you think of astrologers and astrology? Is it of man, God, or Satan? Do you think there is any spiritual power at work, or is it all fake? Read Exodus 7:11,12; 2 Chronicles 33:1-6; Deuteronomy 18:10,14; Revelation 13:11-13. What does God say about it in these passages? What does God tell us to do instead in Isaiah 8:19,20?
3. What are the three things to look for in order to identify religious frauds? Read 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 and Matthew 7:15-20. According to these passages, how do religious frauds appear outwardly? What do you think this means? What should you use to identify them?
4. What did Pastor Rick say are the five things we must do to develop resilient courage?
5. Read Daniel 2:29-49. What was Nebuchadnezzar's dream about? What was the result of Daniel being able to tell the dream to him and its interpretation?
6. In this story about Nebuchadnezzar's dream, what stood out in your mind? What was the main idea that you feel you need to apply to your life?

Answers

1. *He asked them to tell him what he had dreamed and what the dream meant without giving them any information about the dream. They answered by saying that if he would tell them the dream, then they would tell him what it meant but that they could not tell him what the dream was. He asked them to do this because he was aware that if he told them the dream, they could make up any interpretation. He was testing them to see if they really had supernatural power or if they were just fakes.*
2. *God condemns any practice that claims to be able to supernaturally tell the future outside of Himself. He clearly tells us not to seek out these people because there is a supernatural power at work: Satan. You open yourself up to satanic influence when you dabble in these types of practices. Isaiah 8 says instead of trying to contact the dead for information, look to his word and law for all of the information that you need.*
3. *The three keys were to look for: a. People who promote themselves and not God, they elevate themselves above everyone else; b. Suspicious claims to have supernatural connections outside of God's Word; and c. People who set themselves up as the authority on what is true instead of God. According to the passages, it says that false teachers and prophets will outwardly look like angels and sheep, In other words, their outward actions mimic the outward actions of Christians and thus you cannot judge whether they are true or not based on what you can see of them with your eyes. The way you identify false teachers and prophets is by comparing what they say is true to the word of God. The fruit of a false teacher is their false teaching. The fruit that you judge them by are not their actions but their beliefs.*
4. *The six things are: a. Determine to understand what you are facing; b. Ask others to join you in praying for wisdom; c. Nurture a sensitivity to when God is speaking to you through the Holy Spirit; d. Inspire others through your bold faith in difficult situation; e. Exalt God's glory above anything I may accomplish and f. Be loyal to God as you declare His saving grace.*
5. *Nebuchadnezzar's dream was about the ruling powers that would exist in the future. Babylon was the head, The chest and arms of silver was the Med/Persian empire that rose after Babylon. The belly and thighs of bronze was Alexander the Great's Greek empire. The legs of iron was the Roman empire, and the feet mixed with iron and clay will be the Antichrist's empire during the tribulation. The result of God enabling Daniel to interpret the dream was that the king again recognized Daniel's God was the highest God and Daniel was again promoted to be one of the main rulers in Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar.*