



- In 2008, the average person consumed approximately **34 gigabytes of information a day.**
- In 2011, the average person consumed up to **74 gigabytes of information a day.**
- In 2011, Americans took in **five times as much information every day as they did in 1986.**
- In 2011, scientists projected that people will process about **5% more information than the previous year: 139 Gigabytes of information every day.**

SERIES BIG IDEA:

Live a faith that stands out in a culture shutting God out.

¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. ²⁰ In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanterers in his whole kingdom.

Daniel 1:17-20 (NIV)

A Daniel Generation has a wisdom and understanding that stands out.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

I will seek God's wisdom for the knowledge I've acquired.

Wisdom comes from God.

Daniel 2:13-23

Wisdom originates from the awe, reverence, and fear of God.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:7 (NIV)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 9:10 (NIV)

Wisdom comes from the good news of the cross of Christ.

²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. ²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 1:22-31 (NIV)

Wisdom comes from God, and there is safety in the advice of many Christ-followers.

Without wise leadership, a nation falls; there is safety in having many advisers.

Proverbs 11:14 (NIV)



Wisdom comes from asking God.

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.
James 1:5 (NIV)

A Daniel Generation seeks God's wisdom and leverages their knowledge to honor God in everything they think, say, and do.

MY NOTES:



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

We process more information in one day than those over 5 decades ago processed in a whole year. While we live in a world with access to unlimited knowledge in our pockets or purses, our culture lacks the wisdom to process this information.

Daniel and his three Hebrew colleagues were educated and trained in the culture of Babylon. They had something that made them stand out in this culture who was resisting God—wisdom.

A Daniel Generation seeks God's wisdom for the knowledge they've acquired. Scripture informs us that wisdom comes only from God so when we need wisdom, we can seek Him for the wisdom we need. The Daniel Generation shines brighter because their wisdom stands out.

TALK-IT-OVER:

How do you process all the information you intake each day?

How do you find wisdom in the middle of all that information?

Since wisdom comes from God, why do you think people go anything or anyone else but God for wisdom?

For what do you need to ask God for wisdom?

Who do you need to tell about what you've learned?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:

Day 1) Job 28:20-28

Day 2) Job 32:6-9

Day 3) Psalm 37:29-31

Day 4) Proverbs 2:1-22, 8:1-36

Day 5) Proverbs 21:29-31

Day 6) 1 Corinthians 2:1-15