

## **Distraction Surplus. Attention Deficits**

### **1. Possessing a 3 Dimensional intelligence requires that we fear the source of all knowledge:**

- *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.”* (Proverbs 1:7)
- Man’s pride in his own intelligence is the very thing God hates we use knowledge in order to be equal to God.
- Adam ate of the tree of knowledge because he had an appetite to know what it was like to be like God.
- Daniel was unlike Adam. He submitted the desire of his appetite when he purposed in his heart not to eat at the king’s table.
- These delicacies came from the king’s table and at that time Daniel was just a student. To eat of the king’s table would be a temptation to place himself at the same level of privilege that the king enjoyed.
- Daniel did not consider himself co-equal with delegated authority, he feared authority. Result: God gave him the gift of intelligence.

### **2. Possessing a 3 Dimensional intelligence is gift we must learn how to receive:**

- V17 *“God gave Daniel knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom.”*
- *“Gave”*: *“to cause to receive. To teach.”*
- Daniel’s intelligence was not natural talent, but God- given and God taught.
- The key to receiving is; always ask. *“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally ...”* (James 1:5)

### **3. Possessing a 3 Dimensional intelligence requires mastery in our thinking:**

- *“God gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.”* (Dan 2:21)
- *“A wise man will hear and increase learning.”* (Proverbs 1:5)
- In an era of distraction, to obtain mastery in our thinking, disciplined thinking habits must be cultivated through:
  - A passion for the truth
  - Teachableness
  - Silence and solitude
  - Concentration and focused attention
  - Prayer

- Reading that directs thinking

#### **4. Possessing a 3 Dimensional intelligence requires that we apply truth by creating value:**

- Wisdom is the principled and prudent application of knowledge.
- By wisdom, *“kings reign, and rulers decree justice.”* By wisdom, *“princes rule, and nobles, all the judges of the earth.”* (Prov 8:15)
- As King Nebuchadnezzar questioned and probed Daniel – 10 times superior than his wise counsel.  
Result:
  - Promoted to serve the kings court (2:47-48).
  - When insurmountable problems arose, he had prophetic insight that no one else had (5:11).
  - He gained a reputation for explaining enigmas and hard sayings (5:12).
  - He was known for his spirit of excellence (5:12).
  - Daniel had influence at the highest levels of Babylonian society and he used it to announce and to change history (6:3).