

**“The Essence”
A Contrast in Character
Daniel 5**

The Big Idea:

Success and character do not always go together.

The Principles—listen, learn, live

The king throws a **party**. (vs. 1-4)

God crashes the party. (vs.5-9)

The party’s **over**. (v.10)

The man, **Daniel**, a man of character.

A consistent **reputation**. (v. 11)

Wisdom (v. 11)

Insight (v. 12)

Not for Sale (vs. 16-17)

The Message

A message from the past. (vs. 17-23)

Presumption—verse 22, “Even though you knew all this.”

Pride (vs. 22-23)

Stolen **honor** (v. 23)

A message for the present. (vs. 24-30)

Respond to God’s **warning**.

Take **seriously** what God has said.

Application