

MINDSET is the **biggest factor** in determining **HOW** you will **REACT** in an **EMERGENCY**.

Will you decisively handle the situation? Will you ***duck and cover*** **not knowing** what to do?
OR will you **freeze**?

You need a **strong** and **determined mindset** that is **ALWAYS READY**.
But ***HOW*** do you get that?

The **Bible** tells us about **Daniel** who was **kidnapped** as a teenager and **forced** to be part of King Nebuchadnezzar's **royal court**.

King *Neb* was **not a man of God**. He **forced** all his captives to follow his **rules**. The **rules** would have forced Daniel to be *indirectly* **involved** in the **worship** of **other gods**.

Daniel ***MADE UP HIS MIND*** that he **Would Not Betray** GOD by Having Anything to Do with Any Other *god*.

Not even eating **food** that had been **sacrificed** to other *gods* **before** **being cooked**.

Daniel *COULD* have been **forced to submit** to the **king's orders** *OR* **be killed**. But **God** had a **purpose** for **Daniel** and **did not allow harm** to come to him. In fact, God caused Daniel to be **successful** in the king's court.

Many years later, Daniel was also **thrown into the lions' den** when he **defied the** ROYAL DECREE THAT ORDERED him *NOT* to **PRAY** to **God**.

Daniel spent **the whole night** in the **lions' den**, but the **lions did not eat** Daniel.

The next morning Daniel told the king, "**My God sent His angel** and shut the lions' mouths..."

God has a purpose for **everything** and everyone. If **He chooses** to preserve you **through** whatever **danger you face**, it is for **His purpose**.

If He does not, it is **because** *HE HAS* a **different purpose**.

Whatever you face, God has already decided how **He will deliver you**.

He can ***stop*** the situation and deliver you from ***it completely***.

He can see you through it and ***shut the lions' mouths***.

Or He can deliver you ***home to heaven*** to be ***with Him***.

Whichever way **He chooses**, ***HE IS NOT WORRIED ABOUT YOUR FATE***.

Afterall, **He *IS* God** and **He *always*** has you **in His hands**.

*So how do we get a **strong** and **determined** mindset?*

First, realize that **God** alone **gives determination**. *You just need to ask* and provide **Him** with ***your willing heart***. *Read THAT again!*

No matter what it is you are planning to do or have to face, **always start** with prayer.

If you try to do **anything without** first **talking to God**, *it could be **doomed*** from the **start**.

If you begin something *and then realize you forgot to pray* first — ***stop*** — take the time to stop and pray. Yes, it is that **IMPORTANT**. Talk to **God first** and **seek His will**.

Train yourself to ***pray without ceasing***. Use that **open line** of *communication*, which you have through **prayer**, to keep your **focus on God** and **His will** for you.

If you think about it, **you are always talking to God anyway** since He always knows every thought you have.

Your **mindset** will **develop naturally** through *your focus* on **God**. You will **find your strength** in God's **word** and **develop a quick response** to situations.

You will **not even realize** you are speaking **words** that *deflect negativity* or **standing up in defense** of someone *who needs help* until **you are already in the process of SPEAKING or MOVING**.

You will **automatically call out to Jesus** in a time of severe demonic attack, and **HE WILL BE your breastplate and shield**.



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