

Outstanding Young People

Elvis Presley was only 19 years old when he began his singing career in 1954. Two years later he was international sensation. Over the span of his 23-year career, Elvis sold over one billion records worldwide, more than anyone else in record industry history. But out of all of his accomplishments the one that Elvis treasured the most was one that he received 1970— one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Nations in 1970.

Had there been such an award given back in 553BC, certainly Daniel and his three friends would have been shoo-ins. Consider the accomplishments. The four Israelites were deported to a foreign country where they were forced into the King's service. Alone, serving an arrogant King who worshiped idols, Daniel made up his mind to remain obedient to God despite his circumstances. He refused to accept the king's food and wine, and his friends followed his example. God blessed their obedience and gave these young men special skills and abilities so that they found favor with the king. So it was not surprising that all of the young men in his service, the king chose Daniel and his friends as outstanding young men of the day.

Did you know that as an MK you are an Outstanding Young Person? You are! God has chosen you and your family to serve in the country that you serve in. YOU are making a KINGDOM difference for him! To be an outstanding young person you just have to trust and obey God in all you do.

**In all matters
requiring wisdom
and balanced judgment, the king
found the advice of
these young men to
be ten times better
than that of all the
magicians and
enchanters in his
entire kingdom**

Daniel 1:20

Also on this day....

**1958-Bobby Fisher won the US Chess Championship at the age of 12.
January 8th— is National Bubble Bath Day!**