

Introduction: Babylon is on the march...

Observation #1:

We are not at the _____ of a pagan culture.

Observation #2:

The future of the world will be _____ by who _____ the next generation.

Observation #3:

Protection of our children from our culture is _____, but preparation of them is _____.

Observation #4:

Only a generation with Biblical _____ and a winsome _____ can transform the Babylonian culture of our day.

Momentum

How to Ignite Your Faith

(Part 3)

Learning to Get God's Best for Your Life (Daniel 1)

- The Historical Setting: Daniel 1:1-2
The Time = 605 B.C.
The Place = Babylon
The Reason = Judgment Hebrews 12
The Spiritual Climate = Wickedness

- The Babylonian (the world's) game-plan to seduce Daniel's soul: Daniel 1:3-7

Change his _____.

Change his _____.

Change his _____.

By which "Truth Proposition" do you live?

- The Babylonian System of our day – the World System: The lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.
- God's System - Where you say, "I believe in the character of God – that He is good, and that He is just, and that He is holy. I believe the promises in His Word are the key to the fear of God and walking in a path that produces the outcomes that He promises."

Daniel possessed two critical characteristics:

1. **Convictions** = Refusing to _____ in spite of the cost.

- They are caught more than taught Proverbs 13:20
- They only come by personal discovery – 2 PROAPT

2. **Courage** = Refusing to _____ even when you're afraid.

- Grows out of our convictions. Romans 4:20-21
- Is sustained by our comrades. Proverbs 27:17

Daniel's life reveals that getting God's best is a "_____ – _____" proposition.

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

- Truth, Not "Trying Harder," is the Pathway to True Spirituality

"To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Jesus of Nazareth - John 8:31-32 (NIV)

Question: How do you get God's best for your life?

1. What / Who do you need to "say no" to that is squeezing you into the world's mold?
 - Consider a 3, 5, 10 _____ fast.
 - Who can help you keep your commitment to God?
2. What do you need to "say yes" to in order to renew your mind and experience God's good, acceptable, and perfect will?
 - Consider a 20 minute, daily 2 PROAPT time with God.
 - Who can help you keep your commitment to God?