Title: 5 "I's" to influence

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Daniel 5:12 NLT This man Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, has exceptional ability and is filled with divine knowledge and understanding. He can interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means."

5 Keys to lasting influence

Intimacy

Identity

Integrity

Intercession

Interpretation

Daniel's background

Taken as young man to Babylon.

Remains there for at least 60 years.

Serves four kings and two different empires with distinction.

Ten northern tribes taken into captivity by the Assyrians, never to return.

Two southern tribes, Judah and Benjamin, known as Judah taken into exile to Babylon: temple destroyed and Jerusalem burnt.

Ancient Empires and God's people

Egypt: exodus

Assyrians: conquered lost ten tribes
Babylonians: conquered Judah
Persians: allow Israel to return

Greeks: period between Old and New Testament

Romans: New Testament

Babylon

Root: Nimrod - Tower Babel Land of the Chaldeans

Built upon:

- Rebellion vs God
- Making a name for itself

Babylonian Motto:

"I am and there is no one besides me" Isaiah 47:10 (b)

Babylonian values

· Obsession with beauty

- Youthfulness
- Intellect
- Self-enrichment



Daniel 10:10-11;18-19 NLT ¹⁰Just then a hand touched me and lifted me, still trembling, to my hands and knees. ¹¹And the man said to me, "Daniel, you are very precious to God, so listen carefully to what I have to say to you. Stand up, for I have been sent to you." When he said this to me, I stood up, still trembling. ¹⁸Then again, *the one* having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me. ¹⁹And he said, "O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace *be* to you; be strong, yes, be strong!"

INTIMACY

Daniel 6;3-10 NLT ³ Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel's great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire.

(an extraordinary spirit/an excellent spirit) ⁴ Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs, but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy. ⁵So they concluded, "Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion." ⁷ We are all in agreement—we administrators, officials, high officers, advisers, and governors—that the king should make a law that will be strictly enforced. Give orders that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human—except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the den of lions. ¹⁰But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, *just as he had always done*, giving thanks to his God.

Daniel 1;6 6 Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. ⁷ To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel *the name* Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego.

IDENTITY

Daniel

"Dan" means "judge".

The "ee" sound (i) means "my".

"el" means "God".

Daniel's name means "God, my judge"—"God is my judge".

Daniel 1:8 But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

IDENTITY

Daniel 11:32 He will flatter and win over those who have violated the covenant. But the people who know their God will be strong and will resist him.

(NLT)

He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action. (ESV

Isaiah 64:4 From of old, no-one has heard, or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you who works for those who wait for Him.

Psalm 147:10-11 ¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, ¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. *(ESV*

Learning from the Master

Matthew 6;9-13 ⁹ Our Father in heaven,hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread, ¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory

Forever and ever.

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