

Title: 5 keys to lasting influence

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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.



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

Babylon

"The 'global village' of godless power, which determines daily life for every person at any time in human history" (Revelation, New International Biblical Commentary, p. 202)

Babylon

"The great city is every city and no city,... It is civilized man, mankind organized apart from God. It has its embodiment in every age"

(Revelation, revised edition, Tyndale New Testament Commentaries, p. 203).

Daniel 10:11 NKJV ¹⁸ Then again, *the one* having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me. ¹⁹ And he said, "O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!"

INTIMACY

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)

Daniel 6 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)

Daniel 6 NLT 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..⁵ So they concluded, "Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion."

Daniel 6:10 NLT ¹⁰ But 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.

Prayer is the open admission that without Christ we can do nothing. And prayer is the turning away from ourselves to God in the confidence that He will provide the help we need. Prayer humbles us as needy, and exalts God as wealthy.

John Piper

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.