

Title: Keys to lasting influence: identity

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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)

The map to influence

Intimacy

Identity

Integrity

Intercession

Influence

Babylonian values

- Obsession with beauty
- Youthfulness
- Intellect
- Self-enrichment



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)

Daniel 1 ² And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god

2 Kings 20 ¹⁴ Then Isaiah the prophet went to King Hezekiah, and said to him, “What did these men say, and from where did they come to you?” So Hezekiah said, “They came from a far country, from Babylon.” ¹⁵ And he said, “What have they seen in your house?” So Hezekiah answered, “They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them.”

The treasure of our hearts

Luke 6:45 ⁴⁵ “The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.

Daniel 1 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.

Their God-given names

Daniel: *God is my judge*

Hananiah: *Yah has been gracious*

Mishael: *Who is like God?*

Azariah: *Yah has helped*

Their Babylonian names

Daniel: *Bell will protect*

Hananiah: *Inspired of Aku*

Mishael: *Belonging to Aku*

Azariah: *Servant of Negu*

INTEGRITY

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.

Job 31:1 The Message “I made a solemn pact with myself never to undress a girl with my eyes.....”

Genesis 39:12 (NLT) “She came and grabbed him by his cloak, demanding, “Come on, sleep with me!” Joseph tore himself away, but he left his cloak in her hand as he ran from the house.

John 13:3-4 ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

Isaiah 62 1-5¹ For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.² The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.³ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.