

Title: Keys to lasting influence: intercession
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The Road thus far

Intimacy (Greatly beloved)
Identity (God defines me)
Integrity (Humility for favour)
Intercession
Interpretation

Babylon AD

1 John 2: 15-16 ¹⁵ Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

Lust of the eyes

Preoccupation:

- Possessions (salary)

Decisions:

financial and material implications **“what will I gain/lose?”**

Spiritual symptoms

Reluctance to follow Spirit of God into unknown.

Lusts of the flesh

Preoccupation:

- pleasure (sex/food)

Decisions:

- Feeling-driven: “how does this make me feel?”.

Spiritual symptoms:

- Experience-driven spirituality.
- Instant gratification instead of long-term growth and discipleship.

Pride of life

Preoccupation:

- Position/power (status)

Decisions:

- Self-promotion: “what will people think?”.

Spiritual symptoms:

- Competition
- Strive

- Lack of honour

Daniel's intercessory prayer

Understanding of the time.

Worship.

Identification and Repentance.

Focus on God's character.

Supplication

Understand the times we are in

Daniel 9:1-2 ¹ In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans ² in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the Lord through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

Matthew 24: 12-14

¹²And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Acts 2: 17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.

Are you praying for the lost or are you waiting to *feel* ready to do it? (flesh)

Are you partnering with God to get the gospel to the nations or are you unwilling to make the sacrifice? (eyes)

Are you allowing the Spirit to lead you or are you afraid of how you will look when He does? (pride)

Praise and Worship

Daniel 9:3-4 ³ Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. ⁴ And I prayed to the Lord my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments

Worship and Repentance

Hebrews 12 (AMP)

1 THEREFORE THEN, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [who have borne testimony to the Truth], let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight) and that sin which so readily (deftly and cleverly) clings to and entangles us, and let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us,

2 Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus. Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, for the joy [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Setting our eyes on Him is a choice.

Looking away from ourselves and our excuses is a choice.

He still brings sight to the blind.

2 Corinthians 12(AMP) ⁹ But He said to me, My grace (My favor and loving-kindness and mercy) is enough for you [sufficient against any danger and enables you to bear the trouble manfully]; for My strength and power are made perfect (fulfilled and completed) and show themselves most effective in [your] weakness. Therefore, I will all the more gladly glory in my weaknesses and infirmities, that the strength and power of Christ (the Messiah) may rest (yes, may pitch a tent over and dwell) upon me!