

Living In Exile: The Book of Daniel – Witness

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Daniel 6:1-28 (NIV)

Throughout this series, we’re talking about ***influence***.

- How do we keep from being influenced by ***Babylon*** or, in our case, Austin?
- How do we continue to exert influence in the place where we ***live***?

We’re not talking about ***power***; we’re talking about ***influence***.

- True Christianity never participates in ***coercion***, or forcing people into the way of Jesus.
- Why? Precisely because, it is not the ***Way of Jesus***.

Very few of us get to influence culture with a capital “C” ...but all of us

influence cultures...or ***spheres of influence***.

Three components of Daniel’s Influence:

1. ***EXCELLENCE*** – (Verse 3) Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

Be So Good ***They Can’t Ignore You***.

2. ***CHARACTER*** – (Verse 4) At this, the administrators, and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.

Character is our ***destiny***.

3. ***FAITHFULNESS*** – (Verse 16) The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

We can never ***speed up*** good relationships, quality parenting, or character building.

Daniel has a very specific kind of influence:

He is a witness to Yahweh

How do we become a witness?

Begin with prayer

Listen to them

Eat together

Serve their needs

Share your story