

Prayer Requests & Notes:

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The point of the book of Daniel isn't about listing the adventures of a godly man, but about proclaiming the sovereignty and power of a perfect God!

In the darkest and most difficult of day, Daniel wielded an incredible measure of godly influence over the wicked world around him.

3 Secrets to Daniel's Influence

1. Daniel was influential because of his optimism.

- Daniel understood that God's sovereign hand was in control of what was going on around him...(the good & bad).
- Knowing that we win – should change EVERYTHING!

2. Daniel was influential because of his humility.

- True humility isn't simply the absence of arrogance...but it will result in placing the needs and interest of others over your own.

Daniel 4:19, "Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies."

3. Daniel was influential because of his wisdom.

- There is often a big difference between what we don't like and what God forbids.

James 1:26, "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."

- The tiniest of lights shines brightest in the darkest of places.

Group Discussion

Use the following questions to help review the application of God's Word to our Head (What does God want me to know?), to our Heart (What does God want me to desire?), and to our Hands (What does God want me to do?).

- How is the sovereignty of God demonstrated in the life of Daniel? How is it demonstrated in your life?
- How does your belief in the sovereignty of God have an influence on others you come in contact with?
- What is your definition of humility?
- How does personal humility affect the lives of those, far from God, you have interaction with?
- What was Daniel's approach on how to deal with the authorities in his life?
- Where does wisdom come from to deal with adversaries?
- Are you a conformer or a transformer?
- Are you a thermostat or a thermometer?