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a person or thing differing from all other members of a particular group or set.



In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. 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

Daniel 1:1-2





Principle 1:

You Live in Babylon but You Are Not Babylonian



Revelation 18:1-2

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.









Genesis 11:2,

And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. ... And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth





Babylon is a system of beliefs that leads man to believe he is on the same level as God and can make up his own mind about what is right and wrong for his life



Genesis 11:6-7

And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.







Confusion is always the result of individuals deciding for themselves what is right and what is wrong



I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

John 17:15-16





Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.









Can I change it or not?

Assess the Source





IRomans 16:17

Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions





Affirm Yourself Through God's Word





Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path







Isaiah 40:8

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever





Principle 2: Influence is Achieved and Never Assumed



Daniel 1:4

Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans









Your influence is not based on what you do; it is immersed in who

you are





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It is never too late to get a fresh vision of who God created you to be and why you are on this earth



Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.





Principle 3:

What People Call You Will Not Change You



Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego.

Daniel 1:6-7







So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me

Hebrews 13:6





Daniel 3:16-18

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.







In our own witness today against modern paganism, we need constantly to remember that form is secondary, but substance is vital

-Dr. Henry M. Morris









