

††† SERMON NOTES †††
BEING A POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN A NEGATIVE WORLD

Daniel 1 – RULES FOR WAKING UP IN BABYLON

We face crossroads of commitment in our lives.

1. It's where a _____ decision must be made.
2. Decisions always have _____
3. Others are influenced by the choices we make.
4. This is where _____ reveals Himself.

I. THE CHALLENGE OF BABYLON – v. 8

- A. Food was, in eastern traditions, a sign of commitment to friendship.
- B. Part of the food was “_____” according to Mosaic law.
- C. Some of the food had been offered to the Babylonian _____, and Moses declared that “off limits”
- D. The Jews killed animals so all the blood drained out of the animal – they could not eat blood. The Babylonians killed animals in such a way that the blood stayed in the animal – again, this is a violation of Mosaic law.
In other words, this was an issue of _____ commitment.

II. RESISTING BABYLON

- A. Your heart must be set. v. 8
The battle is won _____ the battle is begun.
- B. Your life must be winsome (attractive and _____)
- C. Your faith must be in God – not _____ ideas or abilities.

III. GOD BLESSES COMMITMENT – v.18-20

IV. HOW TO DEVELOP COMMITMENT

- A. Begins with _____ – 1:1,2
- B. Commitment doesn't depend on abilities or _____.
- C. Commitment is the result of _____, not chance. 1:8
- D. Commitment starts in the _____ areas. 1:9-13
- E. Leave the _____ to God. – 3:17,18

