

KEYS TO BECOMING AN INFLUENCER OF CULTURES

JOHN 17:11-18; DANIEL 6:1-5, 10-11, 25-28

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The call to follow Jesus Christ is in fact a call to influence cultures.

MATTHEW 4:19-20

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1. Jesus' influence on cultures

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Dominant cultures in Jesus' time:

- Sectarianism/ separatists---hypocrisy& prejudice
- Liberalism/ compromise/nepotism---stubborn
- Cultic/irrelevance
- Violence

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Some of the drastic changes on people's cultures:

- PAUL (Philippians 3:1-9)
- PETER (ACTS 10:34-35)
- PEOPLE on “the other side”
(Mark 5:1-9, 17; 7:31-8:1)

2. Jesus' philosophy about the ways of the world.

“WORLDLINESS”

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Cosmos (world) is the world's systems influenced by Satan.

John 12:31-33; John 16:5-11, 33; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; 1 John 5:19-21

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Three unfortunate outcomes resulting from his people's misconception of worldliness:

- a. Prejudices versus Convictions
- b. Avoidance versus Overcoming
- c. Separation versus Distinctiveness

**How do you then reach the
world without being like it?**

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3. Jesus' culture(adopt Jesus' culture)

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In Jesus' culture the motive behind our action is what constitute worldliness.

Matthew 6:1-4; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

In Jesus' culture the key is to be conform to him in a non-conform world.

Romans 8:29

- **Selfless service instead of Self-interest**

(PHILIPPIANS 2:19-22)

- **Engagement, Discernment, and Courage**

John 16:28; John 17:4-5; Phil 1:21-24; John 17:1-13;

1 Tim 2:1-4; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 5:13-16

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Think eternity

Pray globally

Act locally

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In Jesus' culture the order of priority must be observed in order to succeed in our mission of influencing cultures:

- a. Relationship with Father God
- b. Lifestyle which model our beliefs
- c. Witnessing for Christ