

# SUCCESS TO SIGNIFICANCE

## LIVING FOR GOD IN A CULTURE THAT DOESN'T - THE BOOK OF DANIEL - Part #3

Pastor Kevin Cummings – August 24, 2025

Daniel 4:1-37

### I. We must have a \_\_\_\_\_ where we establish a personal relationship with Jesus.

- A Biblical testimony involves: \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_ I accepted Christ, my life was... (v. 1-4)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ God got my attention... (v. 5-34a)

1. It may have been through His Word.
2. It may have been through other people.
3. It may have been through circumstances.
4. It may have been through pain.
5. It may have been through His still small voice.
6. It may have been through a dream.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ I have accepted Christ... (v. 34b-37)

### II. We must focus on \_\_\_\_\_ people rather than impressing people.

- Life is all about \_\_\_\_\_.

A. We try to impress people through our \_\_\_\_\_.

B. We try to impress people through our \_\_\_\_\_.  
(I Corinthians 9:19-23; Colossians 3:23-24)

1. We must use our influence to bring God glory.
2. We must use our influence to help other people KNOW God, GROW in God and LIVE for God.

C. We try to impress people through our \_\_\_\_\_.  
(II Corinthians 1:3-11)

1. We must remember who God is.
2. We must remember what God does.

### III. We must \_\_\_\_\_ the right way when we are tempted.

- We all leave a legacy; the only question is \_\_\_\_\_.

A. To be full of \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 10:4)

*"Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall."*

*Proverbs 16:18*

1. The way down is up.

(John 3:30; Philippians 3:3; Galatians 2:20)

- We go down when we depend on our security, success or strength. (Isaiah 14:12-15)

*"For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Matthew 23:12*

2. The way up is down. (Matthew 20:26)

- There are some places you shouldn't go.  
(II Samuel 11; Numbers 32:23)

- Humility will bring you up.

*"But he gives greater grace. Therefore, he says: God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6 (CSB)*

B. To ignore bold, biblically based \_\_\_\_\_.

1. There is a difference between regret and repentance.
2. We can either break from our sin or be broken by our sin. (Romans 10:14)

*"Whoever remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed." Proverbs 29:1*

C. To \_\_\_\_\_.  
(II Corinthians 6:2; Hebrews 4:7; James 4:17)

### ACTION POINTS:

1.) We will never find success or significance until we find \_\_\_\_\_.

2.) We can live the \_\_\_\_\_ way, or we can live \_\_\_\_\_ way.

3.) Living for God in today's culture starts with having a \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus Christ.

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C. After I have accepted Christ... (v. 34b-37)

### II. We must focus on influencing people rather than impressing people.

- Life is all about relationships.

A. We try to impress people through our accomplishments.

B. We try to impress people through our position.

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### ACTION POINTS:

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