

# How to Stay Positive in a Negative World

*How to be an overcomer in a world that does not recognize God*

But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself... so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself. – Daniel 1:8

- ◆ What do you do when your spiritual heritage becomes “besieged”?
- ◆ What do you do when you find yourself serving a foreign world?
- ◆ What do you do when the world tries to “reeducate” you in their ways?

## 1. Remain Positive - in your MIND

**“Daniel made up his mind”**

- ◆ **Regardless of how the world thinks, you can still determine what you think about**

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. – Philippians 4:8

- ◆ **Live with a “renewed” mind**

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. – Romans 12:2

- ◆ **Live with a “protected” mind**

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:6-7

- ◆ **Live with a “thankful” mind**

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## 2. Remain Decisive - in your WILL

**“he would not defile himself”**

- ◆ **The world’s choice does not have to be your choice**

I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze at a virgin? – Job 31:1

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such *a word* as is good for edification according to the need of *the moment*, so that it will give grace to those who hear. – Ephesians 4:29

- ◆ **Continue to strive to please the Lord**

Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 3:12-14

## 3. Remain Graceful – in your HEART

**“he sought permission”**

◆ **Seek to have the attitude of Jesus**

Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus – Philippians 2:2-5

◆ **Love always wins**

(Love) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. – 1 Corinthians 13:7