



“Change Your Mind, Change Your World”

Part I: Do Not Conform To The World

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

1. “They spoke and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! ¹⁰ You, O king, have made a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, *and* psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the gold image; ¹¹ and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. ¹² There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up.” (Daniel 3:9-12)

As Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego showed us in Daniel chapter 3, choosing not to conform to the world means sometimes **going against the majority**. In today’s society, what are some ways you can think of where obeying God means going against what the majority of society says?

2. In Daniel chapter 3, even though Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego went against the majority, **they were not alone because they still had each other for support**. What brothers and sisters in the Lord do you have that can support

you when you obey the Lord in tough times? If you don't have any one like this, who do you think you can develop relationships with for this kind of support?

3. “Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste *and* spoke, saying to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.”²⁵ “Look!” he answered, “I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.” (Daniel 3:24-25)

We learned from Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego that when we obey God and don't conform to the world, **God is still for us (Romans 8:31)**. Name some times where you obeyed God and saw Him with you even when things got tough.
