

# THRIVING IN *Babylon*

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## THREE KEYS TO THRIVING IN BABYLON

### 1. Hopeful people thrive in Babylon.

*"We have this hope, as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure..."*  
**Hebrews 6:19 (NIV)**

#### A. Hope is built with gratitude.

*Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.* **Psalm 37:3 (NKJV)**

#### B. Hope is built by keeping all of life in perspective.

*"But in that coming day no weapon turned against you will succeed. You will silence every voice raised up to accuse you. These benefits are enjoyed by the servants of the Lord; their vindication will come from me. I, the Lord, have spoken!"* **Isaiah 54:17 (NLT)**

Our Hope is not rooted in how things go today. It's rooted in knowing how things turn out in eternity.

## 2. Humble people thrive in Babylon.

*Then Daniel went home and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened. He urged them to ask the God of heaven to show them his mercy by telling them the secret, so they would not be executed along with the other wise men of Babylon. That night the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven. Daniel 2:17-19 (NLT)*

- A. Humble people view interactions with others as opportunities for persuasion rather than cultural warfare.
- B. Humble people recognize that those who do not yet know Jesus are not our enemies, but are victims of our Enemy.

## 3. Wise people thrive in Babylon.

- A. Wise people don't react foolishly but learn to respond wisely.
- B. Wise people know the difference between what God prohibits and what we don't prefer.

*If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. James 1:5 (NLT)*

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