

“I Pledge Allegiance To...”

Scripture Reading – *Daniel 1:1-7*

- A. Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (*Daniel 3:1-15*).
- B. Place yourself in that moment. **What will you say?**
- C. These three young men are our example because of what **they** said (*Daniel 3:16-18*).

I. Face To Face With The Idols Of Our Own Making

- A. The only “image” worthy of our adoration is Jesus (*2 Corinthians 4:4*).
- B. Idolatry is not an exclusively “Old Testament sin” (*1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 10:14; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 John 5:21; Revelation 21:7-8*).

II. Covetousness

- A. *Ephesians 5:5; Colossians 3:5-6*
- B. What is covetousness? In one word =

III. Materialism

- A. *Ecclesiastes 2:4-8,10-11; Matthew 19:23-24*
- B. A 1st century Galilean perspective on 21st century American lifestyle

IV. Busyness

- A. *Ecclesiastes 4:6*
- B. What did Paul present as the ideal life of a Christian? (*1 Timothy 2:2; 1 Thessalonians 4:10-12*).
- C. What areas of your life need to be brought more fully into line with *Matthew 6:33*?