

CHOOSING THE *Extraordinary* LIFE

ELIJAH'S 7 SECRETS FOR
SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

CONVICTIONS THAT WILL
CHANGE YOUR WORLD
SELECTED SCRIPTURES

DR. ROBERT JEFFRESS | October 1, 2017

Introduction: Elijah's second "secret" for living an extraordinary life is "determining to influence your culture." Elijah understood that God never intended His followers to isolate themselves from a corrupt world, but to influence the world. Today we are going to discover three foundational convictions that allowed Elijah to be a true "world-changer."

I. Conviction #1: God Is Alive And Active In The Culture

1 Kings 17:1 "...As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand,..."

John 1:1-2, 14 ¹ "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."

II. Conviction #2: You Are God's Representative To The Culture

A. The Analogy of an Ambassador (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 ¹⁸ "Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

B. The Analogy of Salt (Matthew 5:13)

Matthew 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men."

C. The Analogy of Light (Matthew 5:14-16)

Matthew 5:14-16 ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
¹⁵ Nor does anyone light a lamp, and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

III. Conviction #3: God Is Able To Change The Culture

A. We Must Trust in the Power of God’s Word (Hebrews 4:12)

Hebrews 4:12 “The word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

B. We Must Practice the Power of Prayer (James 5:16-18)

James 5:16-18 ¹⁶ “Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.
¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. ¹⁸ And he prayed again, and the sky poured rain, and the earth produced its fruit.”

C. We Must Depend on the Power of the Holy Spirit
(John 16:8; 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7)

John 16:8 “And He [the Holy Spirit], when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment;”

2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 ⁶ “And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he may be revealed. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.”

Conclusion