



Video: Beat The System

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Different Worlds, Different Cultures, Different Systems
We have different customs, traditions, practices and lifestyle patterns
How people greet one another
How people eat
How marriage happens
How business is conducted
What is acceptable and what is not
And so much more

You've heard the phrase: "When in Rome, do as the Romans do" or simply put "do as the locals do".

However, when it come to living as Christians, we cannot embrace the idiom literally.

We're citizens of Heaven, also know as "Christizens" or "Christians" and live in another world.

Colossians 1:13

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Philippians 3:20

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

The world has its culture and systems.

The Bible challenges us not to "conform" but dare to go against the flow, in order to live for God.

We must adhere to God's ways while operating in the world. Although God's ways are different from man's ways - we are called to follow His ways, which are Higher and Better.

Romans 12:1,2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

2 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.

Isaiah 55:8,9

8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.

9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

For instance, God's ways teaches us :

- to be a leader, you become a servant (Matthew 20:25-27)
- to gain, you lose (John 12:25)

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- to increase, you subtract, i.e. give (Luke 6:38)
- to multiply, you divide, i.e. die (John 12:24)
- you go up, by going down (1 Peter 5:6)

Application

Peer pressure

Choices – Alcohol, drugs, language

Applying for jobs

Exams

On the job/in the workplace

Daniel and his four friends dared to beat the system in their day – and they “made it” big time!

The key to “beating the system” is to live uncompromisingly by the Word of God.

John 17:16-18

16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

We live uncompromisingly by the Word of God. Although this goes against the tide of the world, we know we will ‘beat the system’.

BOUNCE OFF!

In your small group share your thoughts and insights with one another in response to these questions and what was preached, and then take some time to pray for each other.

Share one or two personal experiences where you stood uncompromisingly on the principles of God’s Word, although it went against the tide of this world, and you saw God help you ‘beat the system’.

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MIRROR THIS!

Take some time out alone with God this week, and reflect, pray and perhaps even journal your thoughts on the following Scripture passages.

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