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Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Colossians 3:1-2 (NIV)

Eyes On Me

I have had the wrong mindset. My heart and mind have been set on the things of this earth. For far too long my life has been one long pursuit of what this world has had to offer me. I have pursued pleasure. I have lived for comfort. I have wanted things. **How has this pursuit worked out for you?** I have lived a life filled with discontent. I now know that the things of this earth will never satisfy my soul. I will never find hope and meaning and purpose in pursuing comfort and pleasure in the earthly things of this life. **No, you will not.**

Your mindset has changed. You have a different perspective. You are no longer living for comfort and pleasure in the things of this world. No, I am not. You have changed my heart. You are transforming my mind. You have given me hope and meaning and purpose. My eyes are no longer on the things of this earth. I am no longer living for all that this world offers. My heart and mind and life are set on you. You have my full attention. I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I am pursuing you. I am living the life that you have called me to live. It is now my joy to know your will and walk in your ways. I want to accomplish your purposes. I want to fulfill your plans. In every way, I want to live my life fully with and for you. **That is very good.**

You are right, my perspective has changed. Now, I know that I am passing through this life. This world is not my real home. My time here is fleeting. My life here on this earth will be like the blink of an eye or the snap of my fingers. To pursue what this life offers is a waste of time and energy. It is like chasing after the wind. I entered this world with nothing. I will leave this world with nothing. **That is not entirely true.** What do you mean by that? **You are right, you cannot take anything from this world with you. But, you can store up treasures in heaven. You can bear fruit for my kingdom. You can go where I guide you. You can do what I ask of you. You can allow me to use you. You can bring glory to my name. Will you keep your eyes on me as I lead you through life? Will you follow and serve me?** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

Lord, for so long my thoughts have been set on things of this earth. My heart and mind have been all about pursuing all that this life offers. I want a new heart and mind. Help me to focus myself on heavenly things from above. Guide all my thoughts and plans. Amen

The Mind *Set Your Minds On Things Above*

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

NIV Colossians 3:1-2

The Mind *Set Your Minds On Things That Are Above*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

ESV Colossians 3:1-2

The Mind *Set Your Sights On The Realities Of Heaven*

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

NLT Colossians 3:1-2

The Mind *Set Your Minds On Things Above*

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

NKJV Colossians 3:1-2

The Mind *Set Your Minds On Things That Are Above*

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,

NRSV Colossians 3:1-2

The Mind *Pursues The Things Over Which Christ's Presides*

So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective.

MSG Colossians 3:1-2

The Mind *Set Your Minds And Keep Them Set On What Is Above*

IF THEN you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at and seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. And set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth.

AMP Colossians 3:1-2

The Mind *Set Your Sights On The Rich Treasures And Joys Of Heaven*

Since you became alive again, so to speak, when Christ arose from the dead, now set your sights on the rich treasures and joys of heaven where he sits beside God in the place of honor and power. Let heaven fill your thoughts; don't spend your time worrying about things down here.

TLB Colossians 3:1-2

The Mind *Set Your Minds On The Things Above*

Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

NASB Colossians 3:1-2

The Mind *Think Only About The Things In Heaven*

Since you were raised from the dead with Christ, aim at what is in heaven, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Think only about the things in heaven, not the things on earth.

NCV Colossians 3:1-2

Set Your Minds On Things Above Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

The Mind – Colossians 3:1-2

In Context: *Read Colossians 3*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What are earthly things that people typically set their hearts and minds on?

When have you set your mind on something that was not healthy or helpful?

How will setting your heart and mind on something guide the course of your life?

How has giving your life to Christ changed what you set your heart and mind on?

When has the Lord completely changed the thoughts that you have been thinking?

What has helped you to realize when your heart and mind were set on the wrong things?

How are you now setting your thoughts on things from above where Christ is seated?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Focus your heart and mind on heavenly things from above rather than on earthly things from below.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in our heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will help you to set your heart and mind on things above where He is seated.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group a thought that you have been thinking that comes from above.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you set your mind of things that are above where Christ is seated?

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will set my mind on things that are above where you are seated?

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I set my mind on things that are above as I follow and serve you today?
