



Set Your Mind

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TODAY'S READING: Colossians 3

Colossians 3:1-11 is one of my favorite passages of scripture. I am reminded of my identity in Christ and what my life should look like as a Christ follower! Paul reminds us in verse one, that "if" you are a follower of Christ, you are commanded to seek godly things. If you are a Christian, you should have the desire to be more like Christ! How do we do this? Paul tells us in verse two that we are to, "*set our minds on things above, not on things that are on earth.*" Setting your mind on something means you are thinking about it and giving your time and attention to it. Think about what you spend your time doing each day. Our hearts and minds are hard wired to focus on anything and everything but God. It is so important that we are intentional to set our minds on Christ each day so we are not distracted by things that do not matter.

Paul warns us in verses five and six, "*Put to death therefore what is earthy in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming.*" Christian, you are commanded to put to death sin in your life. You cannot have a passive attitude toward sin, you need to be making war against it. The great puritan preacher John Owen once said, "Be killing sin, or sin will be killing you." Killing your sin is not how you are saved; it is evidence that you are saved. I tell the students this constantly, the difference between a believer and an unbeliever is not whether they sin or not, it is their attitude towards their sin. Believers hate their sin and unbelievers do not care about it. Think about the shows you love to watch and the things you look at online; are these things making you more like Christ? We must be intentional each day to think about what we are doing and why we are doing it. Let us live lives marked by a desire to glorify Christ.

PRAYER: Father, you are just, holy and righteous. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me a new heart. Give me a hatred of sin and a love for You today.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

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