

## Colossians 3:1-2

***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.***

Worry, worry, worry. We worry about Covid and wonder, “should I get the vaccine or not”? There are loss of jobs, kids going astray from the faith, afraid to take a walk at night because it’s no longer safe, cars breaking down, unemployment, etc... And even though we know the bible tells us not to worry,

✠ **Luke 12:22** *Then He said to His disciples, “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on.”*

we do it any way. Why? Simply because we are human.

Say you watch the same movie several times and there is that one part where you know the outcome will be fine, but as you watch it, you worry for the person, and we do so because we are caught up in the moment, instead of looking ahead to what we know is going to happen.

But isn’t that true with our lives? If you have read through the bible, then you know the end of the story, and you know as a believe that we all will make it to heaven, and enjoy eternity with God, and our Savior Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Yet we worry about so many things. Will he or she like me? Will I get that job? We put an offer on that house, will we get it? We got the house, now how are we going to pay for it? What will I make for dinner? Lol

But truly it’s all based upon our perspective and what we are focusing on, which is usually the here and now (***things on the earth***). But here’s a thought, what if we did what the bible says to do? Take today’s verse as an example, that says to “***Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.***”

How often have you, “***Set your mind on things above***”? What if you read through the books of Daniel, Isaiah, Revelation and other books of the bible that describe heaven, then actually thought more about heaven (***things above***) and less time about your problems and worries (***things on the earth***)?

Have you ever wondered what God looks like, or what Jesus really looks like? What about the Holy Spirit, have you ever wondered what we will see when we see Him? (***Set your mind on things above***)

What about what God’s throne looks like “***where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.***” or the temple where the Lord sits, or the food that we will be eating there? What about the angels

and seraphim's and cherubim's and all sorts of things in heaven? (*Set your mind on things above*)

Have you ever thought, what the sky will look like there? Remember, there will not be sunrises or sunsets because God is the light of heaven and there will be no darkness.

† **Revelation 22:5** *There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.*

What will our homes look like? Will we sleep or need to? Will we be able to float and fly across the sky into outer space on our own? Will we be able to visit all the different planets and stars that God created? (*Set your mind on things above*)

So many things you could think about in regards to heaven. Yet you wonder; will they like me and my home and my car and my kids and my dog and my new shoes...?

I'm sorry, I have better things to think about than if someone who I may never see again after a day or a month or a year from now likes me or my things or how I look. We don't need to impress anyone, but rather, "*Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.*" Because God impressed us with giving His One and only Begotten Son, Jesus, to die for us so we can spend eternity with Him in heaven. And that's what we should be focusing on. (*Set your mind on things above*)

† **Hebrews 12:1-2** *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*