

Set Your Mind on Things Above

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Main Text: Colossians 3:1-5 AMP ~ Therefore if you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, sharing in His resurrection from the dead], keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.² Set your mind *and* keep focused *habitually* on the things above [the heavenly things], not on things that are on the earth [which have only temporal value].³ For you died [to this world], and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God.⁴ When Christ, who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.⁵ So put to death *and* deprive of power the evil longings of your earthly body [with its sensual, self-centered instincts] immorality, impurity, *sinful* passion, evil desire, and greed, which is [a kind of] idolatry [because it replaces your devotion to God].

There are 3 action words that stand out.

- Seek
- Set
- Put to death

This week we will focus on the thinking part of the text. Pastor covered this text 2 weeks ago and I want to show you how it works in my life.

Colossians

Keep focused habitually! - Habitually practice drills! Set your mind like a watch.

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Clean, Bold, and Fearless

1. Cleansed by the blood

1 John 1:7-9 ~ New King James Version (NKJV) But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Be Holy for I am Holy, we are his temple.

Isaiah 1:18 NKJV ~ “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

2. Bold to come to his throne

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3. Fearless to do his will

Romans 8:31 NKJV ~ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can* be against us?

1 John 4:18 NKJV ~ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

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Closing: Feast on all the treasures of heaven. This will give you a clean, bold, and fearless image in Christ!