



SET YOUR MINDS ON
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BULLETIN

COLOSSIANS 3:2

Heavenly Mind

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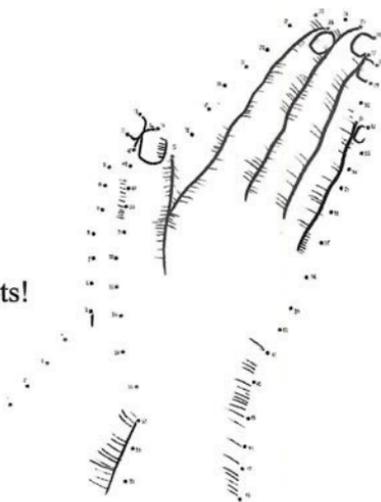
The challenging question at hand is how can we grow in heavenly mindedness? How can people like us with jobs, families, friends, neighbors and a variety of earthly responsibilities operate in a heavenly mindset? This sounds like you're living on a different level.

The first solution is to give ourselves to reading the word of God, as well as spend time in prayer. Having corporate worship and fellowship is part of having a heavenly mindset. But alongside the daily habits of scripture and prayer, and the weekly habits of worship and fellowship, we can also position ourselves more intentionally to set our minds on things that are above.

Start your day with heaven in your mind. Let's look closely at the prayer Jesus taught his disciples. "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11), it seems like Jesus is teaching us to begin our day on our knees. It is re-aligning our minds to seek God as we start the day. If we follow the Lord's Prayer, heaven will invade our thoughts and minds as we begin the day. When we allow heaven to invade our thoughts it will be evident in our actions who we serve.

Having a heavenly mind is an invitation to be with Jesus. We as children of God need to maximize the time to be with him. This is a small glimpse of us being with him forever. So start your day with Jesus, let your meditation be about Jesus, and spend time throughout the day with Jesus. The central theme of having a heavenly mindset is to focus on Jesus. He is the author and finisher, the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end. A Christ-centered life is the result of a heavenly minded Christian.

Connect the Dots!



Setting Our Minds On Things Above

By Anjana Cherian

“Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth” Colossians 3:2

Paul wrote the letter to the church in Colossae during one of his imprisonments. He begins the epistle by emphasizing the supremacy of Christ, then addresses the cultural pressures faced by the believers, provides instructions for various roles in life, and concludes with illustrations of Christ’s sacrificial love. The new believers in Colossae had grown up worshipping Greek and Roman gods, while the Jewish Christians were accustomed to observing the laws of the Torah. The former viewed Jesus as simply another deity, whereas the latter believed their commitment to the Messiah was demonstrated through obeying the law. To help the believers rise above these cultural influences, Paul urges them to “set their minds on things above, not on things on the earth.”

“Setting your mind on things above” refers to having an eternal focus—living with an awareness of God’s presence and purposes. When our reason for existence and the foundation of our daily living are viewed through the lens of faith, we gain a heavenly perspective that brings steadiness and peace, even in difficult times. In contrast, “earthly things” represent worldly temptations, distractions, and fleshly desires that divert our focus from God. The ordinary and seemingly natural attractions of the world can easily capture our attention and displace divine priorities.

Practically speaking, how do we set our minds on things above and avoid focusing on earthly things? This can be achieved only through continual communication with God. When we acknowledge our weaknesses, the Holy Spirit strengthens us and enables us to maintain a steadfast relationship with Him. Sustaining this relationship requires intentional choices—feeding the Spirit of God and putting to death the desires of the flesh through daily discipline. True transformation begins in our thoughts and attitudes, then flows into our actions, ultimately shaping our interactions with others.

Paul’s instruction to the Colossians serves as an invitation for us as well—to lead lives with Christ at the center. May the Lord help us renew our minds so that our thoughts and actions remain set on Christ throughout our journey on this earth.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Zoom
Friday	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Zoom
Saturday	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Church

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Anniversary	Sat. Jan. 17th	Church
Cottage Prayer	Sat. Jan. 24th	Bro. Ben & Sis. Anjana's House
General Body Meeting	Sun. Jan. 25th	Church

PRAY FOR NATIONS

COUNTRY	CAPITAL	EST. POPULATION
Turkey	Ankara	87,700,000
Turkmenistan	Ashgabat	7,500,000
Uganda	Kampala	50,000,000
Ukraine	Kyiv	35,000,000
United Arab Emirates	Abu Dhabi	11,000,000