

From Heaven to Earth

Colossians 3:1-11

Introduction

The more we live from a heavenly perspective the more victory we experience on earth. The power to live with a heavenly perspective begins in the mind. Where you focus your mind makes all the difference. (*Colossians 3:2*) If you set your mind on heavenly things, that which is spiritual, you will then be in the position to draw down from heaven what earth needs in order to function in victory. The mind is such an important battleground because what we think determines what we do. Our challenge as believers is to ensure that our thoughts are aligned spiritually so that they can influence the actions we choose every day.

In order to fully engage in the process of adopting a heavenly perspective, we must fully recognize our new identity with Christ and make Him our first point of reference. If we set our minds to think of things from a heavenly Christ-centered perspective first, instead of earth's point of view, we will find that our actions will follow and we will please Christ. By recognizing that Jesus is in charge of our lives and letting Him own our perspective we will naturally seek to honor Him.

What does it mean to practice this heavenly perspective? We are now to look at our physical existence differently. Our physical perspective is not our first point of reference. All that is physical should be an outflow of what is happening spiritually in our hearts. The practice of God's presence in our life happens as we prioritize a mindset that honors Christ and allow His priority to influence everything that we say and do.

Getting Started

1. Why does an earthly mindset still prove so attractive to believers?
2. Explain a "heavenly mindset" in your own words. What does having a heavenly mindset look like in a practical sense?

Let's Get Personal

1. The benefit of a heavenly mindset is a victorious life. In what areas do you need victory?
2. Describe a time when you know you applied an earthly perspective to decide what your actions would be. What would you have done differently if you could have?
3. What earthly perspectives or ways of thinking, currently get in the way of you living with a heavenly mindset?

Take the Next Step

1. Are there areas in your life where you are not sure what a heavenly mindset looks like? In what areas do you need to know what God's will is? How will you go about investigating that area this week? Take a look at Colossians 3:8-9 for specific ideas of areas where many of us struggle.
2. Want to dig deeper? Take a look at Colossians 3:12-17. This passage lists many of the characteristics of a believer who has a heavenly mindset. What areas have you seen growth in as a result of working on the heavenly mindset and what areas need improvement.

Renew Your Mind

"Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth." Colossians 3:2
