

Questions to Consider—With the Master and Nothing Else—Lesson 12—Colossians 3:1-4—Where is Your Affection?

1. (a) Read Colossians chapter three and list all the commands you find. (b) Are you obeying these commands?
2. Memorize Colossians 3:2.
3. (a) What things does Paul mention about Christ in Colossians 3:1-4? (b) What do you think each one of these means? (c) Why does Paul emphasize the person of Christ so much here in chapter three? (Hint: look back at chapter two.)
4. (a) In Colossians 3:1, Paul mentions that Christ is sitting at the right hand of the Father. What insights do the following verses give you as to why Jesus is at the right hand of the Father? Acts 2:33; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 1:3; 1 Peter 3:22. (b) Why do you think Christ is described as standing at the right hand of God, rather than sitting, in Acts 7:54-60? (c) What hope does this give you as you think of that day that you too will “appear with Him in glory?”
5. (a) The men and women listed in Hebrews 11 had some challenges in keeping their thoughts heavenward. Write down at least three people mentioned in Hebrews 11, as well as the challenges they were facing as they lived here on earth. (b) How did they keep their mind set on things above, according to verses 13-16? (c) How does this encourage you to keep your focus heavenward and not earthward?
6. (a) Make two columns on the back of your paper, one with the heading of “Heaven” and the other with the heading of “Earth”. (b) Read the following passages and list under the proper heading what Heaven and Earth each have to offer. Psalm 73:25; Hebrews 10:34; 1 Peter 1:4; 1 John 2:15-17; 1 John 5:19; Revelation 21:9-27; (c) Looking back over these lists, which place do you prefer? (d) How do you think these passages could help you to stay focused on the kingdom to come?
7. (a) Think back over this past week and ask yourself if you have set your affection on things above, or on things on the earth. (b) What changes do you need to make in order to be more eternally-minded?
8. (a) If the Lord came back today, would you be ready? (b) Why or why not?
9. (a) What do you think is keeping you from being more heavenly-minded? (b) Write your thoughts in the form of a prayer request.