



Set Your Mind Above

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INTRODUCTION

- Colossians 3 where we're going to read is really what is beneath all of that. It's beneath all of those choices and it has to do with what controls my mind.
- The key question as we consider this is what is controlling my mind?

1 Where Is My Mind Set?

Colossians 3:1–4

- Above is where Christ is. He's seated at the right hand of God, which is a royal statement about the fact that he's ruling and he's reigning.
- What my mind should be set on, if I'm thinking about things above, is the reality of Christ's rule, his reign.
- Being a part of his kingdom is we have to have a different way of thinking.
- The mind that is set above means that Christ determines what is most important in life. He determines what matters to us.
- It's not that something is material, it's the way that we think about even those material things makes a difference.

2 What Is Shaping My Mind?

Matthew 12:34; Colossians 3:5–14; Romans 12:1–2

- Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.
- If I want a mind that is set on things above, I have to ask myself, what is shaping my mind?
- Put to death you've already died with Christ, but now it's putting to death the way the mind works as a person of the world.
- Do not be conformed to the world. ... but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.
- The content that we are regularly feeding ourselves is going to be what shapes what we are becoming.
- The right kind of information prompts reformation in our life.

3 What Is Guiding My Mind?

Colossians 2:8; Colossians 3:15–17

- See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.
- The way I think about how to think actually matters.
- It is Jesus who is the answer. He is the foundation of thought.

- Letting the peace of Christ rule in our hearts is really this idea of what is governing our minds and our hearts.
- It's not just the word dwells in you, but it dwells in you richly.
- Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus. ... what that means is Christ is enveloping our whole life.

THE CHALLENGE

Is my mind shaped by the peace of Christ or by the chaos and trouble of the world? Is my thinking truly shaped by the word of Christ or by the voice of the world that has made its way into my mind?

MY NOTES
