

Set Your Mind on Things Above

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Last Week:

Summary on Luke 15 - The Prodigal Son

“Set Your Mind on Things Above”

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

Romans 12:2 - *“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”*

- Conformed -
- Transformed - Metamorphosis - Caterpillar to a butterfly
- To change into another form.
- To be transformed from the inside out.
- To undergo a complete change in nature or appearance.
- To be inwardly transformed so that the outward life reflects the inward reality.
- It describes a radical, fundamental transformation, not merely an external modification
- Transformation changes us from the inside out
- Conformation changes us from the outside in
- Religion demands conformation
- Kingdom mind - the heart changes
- Paul - *“Work out your salvation with fear and trembling”*

1 Corinthians 2:16 - *“For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ”*

Philippians 2:5 - *“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”*

The mind - - What is it?

- Your brain?
- Your brain is the organ; your mind is what goes on in your brain
- The brain is the organ that makes thinking possible. The mind is where thinking takes place.
- The mind is formed/shaped by
 - The mind is shaped by what you repeatedly think, hear, and experience.

- The mind is formed by your beliefs, experiences, and relationships.
- The mind is shaped one thought at a time. **(thoughts captive!)*
- The mind moves in the direction of its dominant thoughts.
- Do we have control over our mind?
 - Yes....and No
 - Yes:
 - We can control what we dwell on.
 - We can choose what we believe.
 - We can reject lies and embrace truth.
 - We can renew our mind.
 - We can take thoughts captive.
 - We can set our mind on things above.
 - No
 - We cannot control every thought that enters our mind.
 - Thoughts can come from our flesh, our past, the world, temptation, or the Holy Spirit.
 - A thought is not a sin. Agreement with it is.
 - It's in our mind where the intense battle takes place
 - It's where warfare rages intensely
 - It's where the enemy seeks to influence our mind and take ground
 - He drives a 'hard bargain' - Good liar - Tangible evidence
 - **Proverbs 23:7** - *"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he..."*
 - Joyce Meyer - *"The Battlefield of the Mind"*
 - Until our mind starts undergoing the process of renewal we'll continue to think, reason and make decisions based on a faulty set of guidelines
- Transformation from a carnal, fleshly, worldly mind to a Kingdom mind - - the mind of Christ
- One of the key principles of becoming 'who' the Father has created you to be

Philippians 4:8 - *"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things"*