

DISCUSSION IDEAS
SET YOUR MINDS

Colossians 3:1-17

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♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?**

Consider the comments Jesus made in Matt. 6:14 and in Luke 12:34.

What do you value most?

How does that affect your actions?

How much importance do we give to our bodies, our physical appearance?

Ever take a "selfie"?

How important is your appearance to you?

How important is it to do what makes you feel good?

But our body IS important, right? How important?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: WHAT PRIORITIES DOES GOD WANT OF US?**

Think about the two different priority lists from Sunday's message:

1. **WITH GOD**

God

Spirit (will, heart)

Mind (thoughts/feelings)

Soul

Body

2. **WITHOUT GOD**

Body

Soul

Mind (thoughts/feelings)

Spirit (will, heart)

God

GIVEN that we live in a body.

Our body IS important.

So how would having a new priority system change my life?

What does God really want of me?

What will happen if I do not do what God wants?

Read through Romans 8:1-11.

What do verses 5-8 make clear?

What does it mean that the mind set on the flesh is death?

Note that the words "the outlook of the flesh" and "the outlook of the Spirit" do NOT refer to preoccupation with those things. They refer to a life outlook, a way we color everything in life.

What will be the difference if we set our minds on God's Holy Spirit who lives in us?

What does it look like to set our minds on The Holy Spirit?

Romans 1:18-32 is the classic description of minds set on the flesh.

How does v. 21 explain the world we live in?

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- ◆ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: SO HOW DO I GET THIS TO WORK?**
Look at our passage of Colossians 3; what part of our being is called to action in verses 1-3?
What does our mind have to do with our feelings?
Romans 12:1-2 talks about presenting our bodies to God, by doing what? What part of us is to be transformed?
How do we do that?
What actions are we to take to obey Colossians 3:1-17?

- ◆ **FOR MEDITATION: AT HOME THIS WEEK:**
WHAT EFFORT DO I NEED TO MAKE?

Consider the following thoughts:

"The path of spiritual growth in the riches of Christ is not a passive one. **Grace is not opposed to effort. It is opposed to earning.** Effort is action. Earning is attitude. You have never seen people more active than those who have been set on fire by the grace of God."

Dallas Willard, <http://www.dwillard.org/articles/artview.asp?artID=5>

▶ **IF I CHANGE THE INSIDE, THE OUTSIDE WILL FOLLOW.**

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♦ **FOR PRAYER:**

Continue to uphold the Shelter Valley believers, and the GCC team that serves there.

Continue to pray for the Pearsons as they prepare their home for caring for John's mother.

Pray too for wisdom and peace and health as they continue to find various ways to serve Jesus.

Let's continue to pray for the Lord's love and power to be seen in Baranganon Island.

Pray for encouragement for Benders and Ingvoldstads. Ask God for protection from injuries and from sickness.

Thank God for the available Helicopter!

Pray for the men who are growing in Christ and taking on greater responsibilities on Baranganon Island.

Thank God and uphold in prayer the "TFG" (Time For God) group of children and young folks who meet every day!

Pray with the strong, self-motivated women's group as they study God's Word and grow to be mature believers.