

Colossians 3:1-4

Higher Thinking

Higher Thinking: An Instruction (v. 1)

Higher Thinking: A Comparison (v. 2)

Higher Thinking: A Reason (v. 3)

Higher Thinking: An Expectation (v. 4)

Application of Colossians 3:1-4

1. What is the significance of Christ's resurrection and its outcome for believers? Consider Acts 17:31; 1 Cor 15:12-58; Rom 1:3-4; 4:25; 6:4; 1 Pet 1:3-4
2. Read Psalm 110 (which Paul alludes to in this passage) and reflect upon the use of this psalm and its significance in the NT as it describes Jesus as king and priest (see Acts 5:31; Rom 8:34; Eph 1:20-22; Heb 1:3; 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:3, 17, 21; 8:1; 1 Pet 3:22)
3. In what ways or circumstances may your thinking be on 1) the "things above" and 2) the "things on earth"? For the areas in which you are practicing earthly thinking repent and ask God to help you think on Christ.
4. How can you concentrate on and grow in your thinking of "the things above?" What might this look like in your workplace, at home, your use of time, money, forms of entertainment, when challenges arise, etc?
5. Reflect on the comforting promise that Christ will be revealed and when He is revealed you too will be revealed. This is the promise of His second coming, in which Christ will receive worship from every knee and tongue (Phil 2:10-11). See also Matt 24:30; Rev 19:11-16; 22:12.
6. How does reflecting on Christ's return (second coming) lead you to "set your mind on things above?"
7. What does it mean that Christ is "your life?" See also Phil 1:21; Gal 2:20
8. After reading Paul's instruction to higher thinking, how does our thinking influence and affect our actions? Note the contrast between the false teachers who attempted to produce 'higher thinking' through their actions and Paul's teaching that 'higher thinking' produces action (3:5-4:1).

Reading this week: Read through Col 3:1-11

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
	<i>Higher</i> _____	_____
<u>Chapter</u>	_____ Thinking: An I _____ (v. __)	_____
	Higher _____ : A C _____ (v. __)	_____
<u>Verses</u>	H _____ T _____ : A R _____ (v. __)	_____
	Higher _____ : An E _____ (v. __)	_____

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Life	Paul	Things	Thinking	World/Worldly

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: