

Set Apart: Mindset

Day 1

Foundations

We must set apart our minds to become holy. Here are some foundational truths about doing this practically:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/set-your-mind-on-things-above>

Verses: Romans 12:2, Philippians 2:1-11, 2 Corinthians 10:5

Prayer Topics: Wisdom, Distinctions, Purpose

Day 2

Culture

In the Old Testament a person could become unclean, and that uncleanness could spread to other people. This was a symbol of death, and we are to learn from this symbol that death can spread from one person to another. What is death spiritually? Rebellion against God. How does death spread? Primarily through culture. Check out this article to see how this relates to setting our minds on things above:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/set-your-mind-on-things-above.html>

Verses: James 1:14-15, 1 John 2:16, 2 Timothy 2:15

Prayer Topics: Influences, Environment, Truth

Day 3

Obstacles

Why do we have difficulty in setting our minds on things above? Check out this article to find out:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/trevin-wax/set-minds-things-above/>

Verses: Matthew 6:24-34, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Luke 10:38-42

Prayer Topics: Perspective, Distractions, Goals

Day 4
Truth

What are the "things above" that I should be setting my mind on? Check out this great message to find out:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/seek-the-things-that-are-above>

Verses: John 8:32, John 14:6, John 16:13

Prayer Topics: Dedication, Submission, Pursuit

Day 5

Thanks to Sylvester Warsaw, Jr for our devotional today

In order to understand God's instructions for living in the power of Christ Jesus's resurrection you must first decide where you want to spend eternity. This is a real concern of man eternity. Eternity is real whether or not you believe in it or not because that reality didn't originate with us but God's and He's eternal. The decision for where you decide you're spending eternity begins in Gethsemane. The choice for eternal life or eternal damnation (separation from God) begins in Gethsemane choosing to follow Jesus which is the way of the cross by drinking from the cup Jesus drank from or choosing to ask God to take away the cup of eternal life to drink from the cup of wormwood of damnation, Lamentations 3:15. It's at the cross where death of self happens and new life in Christ Jesus begins. In none of the gospels is the name of the centurion soldier given who stood guard at the cross while Jesus was being crucified. However, according to the Orthodox Church's teachings the centurion's name was Longinus and he was transformed by what he witness at the cross. According to the teachings of the Orthodox Church, Longinus and his soldiers refused to accept the bribe of gold the Jewish leaders offered. Longinus and his men renounced their ranks, sought out the apostles and were baptised into the Christian faith. Longinus was from Cappadocia and he returned home and began to proclaim the gospel swaying the hearts of many of the pagans to the point where the Jews persuaded

Pontius Pilate to send a legion of soldiers to execute him and his men. It is stated that Longinus fed the legion of soldiers before they executed him, St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church, Fenton, Michigan. It's at the cross where we begin to truly experience the depth and scope of God's love for first His faithfulness to Himself because it's at the cross God vindicates His name (Ezekiel 36:20-23), redemption in and through Christ Jesus for man. When we accept the gift of salvation to live life in the power of Christ Jesus's resurrection it only makes sense to allow Him to instruct us in the ways of God because His way definitely isn't the way of this world order of fallen man who is in allegiance with their father the devil. Each and everyday the choice is made whether to be instructed and led by the Holy Spirit or to follow the ways of this world's teachings. It's my hope and prayer that your choice is the way of the cross, the way of eternal life.