

SETTING YOUR MIND

Title of our lesson comes from (Col.3:1-2) which is one Greek sentence.

As always, when studying Paul's writings, I encourage you to put on your thinking cap (Col.3:16-18)

In **Col.3-4**, Paul shows how Setting Your Mind affects seven areas:

- The Christian Way of Life (Col.3:1-11)
- The church (Col.3:12-17)
- Marriage (Col.3:18-9)
- Family (Col.3:20-21)
- Employees (Col.3:22-25)
- Employers (Col.4:1-4) (Col.4:5-18)
- Ministry

**We will study four aspects of the differences between Setting your Mind
"On things above" rather than "On things on earth."**

1. We have divided this one Greek sentence into two parts of study: Seeking and Setting.

- **Seeking:** (Col.3:1) "Therefore **if** (1st class condition) [and it's true] you have been raised up with Christ (Positional Truth), (then) **keep seeking (zeteo/ p.a. impv.2pl) the things above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God (New Man Divine Viewpoint)
- **Setting:** (Col.3:2) "**keep setting your mind (phroneo/ p.a. impv.2pl)** [to think a certain way] (New Man Divine Viewpoint) (2 Pet.3:10-11) on the things above, NOT on the things that are on earth (Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus Thinking) (2 Pet.3:7-8)."

The present imperatives of "keep seeking" and "keep setting" are a commitment to consistent spiritual growth maturity (Col.3:18). **It is a daily choice** (positive or negative volition) (2Cor.4:16).

It is the "seeking" of the knowledge of the Directive Will of God and the "setting" of one's own will in accordance with that revealed Directive Will of God as applied in your New Man Divine Viewpoint thinking.

2. In (Eph.4:22-24), Paul explains the mechanics of "Setting You Mind on Things Above."

Paul used three infinitives to teach the mechanic ("in reference to your former manner of life").

- A. **Lay aside** (apotithemi/ a.m. infin) the old man, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit (Eph.4:27; 2 Cor.11:3)." (Eph.4:22)
- B. **Be renewed** (ananeo/ p.p. infin) in the spirit of your mind" (Eph.4:23)
- C. **Put on** (enduo/ a.m. infin) the **new man**, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of **the truth** (2 Cor.4:4; Gen.1:26-27)."

Your mind can be a mine field or a ministry field in the Angelic Conflict, your choice!

THREE QUESTIONS

1ST - Did you NOTICE that cosmos Diabolicus (worldly) thinking is attached to the Old Man by “lusts of deceit” to form Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus Thinking in Eph.4:22 (which) (Eph.4:27; 2 Cor.11:3)?

2nd - Did you NOTICE that New Man Divine Viewpoint thinking is attached to the New Man by “righteousness and holiness of the truth” in Eph.4:24 (which) (Eph.4:24; John 8:32; 14:6)?

3rd – Did you NOTICE that mechanics of this exchange of Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus Thinking to New Man Divine Viewpoint thinking is by “renewing the spirit of your mind” in Eph.4:23?

The doctrinal KEY to “renewing the spirit of your mind” is “to keep seeking and setting it on things above.”

The mechanics is the CONSISTENT inhale and exhale of Categorical Bible doctrine by use of the Faith Cycle (2 Tim.3:16) and by walking by means of the Indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16; 1 Cor.6:19-20).



3. Seeking and setting you mind on New Man Divine Viewpoint thinking results in **TRANSFORMATION** (metamorphoo) [changing forms], breaking old patterns of thinking and behaving and replacing them with new ones.

(Rom.12:2) “And do not be conformed to his world (Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus Thinking), BUT BE transformed (metamorphoo) (changing Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus Thinking for New Man Divine Viewpoint thinking) by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the Will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

(2 Cor.3:18) “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed (metamorphoo) into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.”