

HEAVEN, EARTH & YOUR THOUGHTS

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BIG IDEA: You have 2 main spheres to aim your thought-life toward, each yielding a different result: Earthly-minded and Heaven-minded. You get to choose.

¹⁸ For there are many, of whom I have told you before and tell you again now, even with tears, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ They are heading for utter destruction—their god is their own appetite, their pride is in what they should be ashamed of, and **this world is the limit of their horizon [earthly-minded].** ²⁰ **But we are citizens of Heaven;** our outlook goes beyond this world to the hopeful expectation of the Savior who will come from Heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will re-make these wretched bodies of ours to resemble his own glorious body, by that power of his which makes him the master of everything that is. ^{4:1} So, my brothers whom I love and long for, my joy and my crown, do stand firmly in the Lord, and remember how much I love you. **Philippians 3:18-4:1** JBP

What does it mean to be heaven-minded?

“Examine your motives to make sure you’re not showing off when you do your good deeds, only to be admired by others; otherwise, you will lose the reward of your heavenly Father.”
Matthew 6:1 TPT

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites... Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” **Matthew 6:5-6**

¹ Cultivate a _____ with God.

² What we _____—where we invest time, energy and money.

“Instead, stockpile heavenly treasures for yourselves that cannot be stolen and will never rust, decay, or lose their value. For your heart will always pursue what you value as your treasure.” **Matthew 6:19-21** TPT

“... not rich toward God.” **Luke 12:21**

“Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” **Mk 10:21**

¹ ... **seek the things that are above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² **Set your minds on things** that are above, not on things that are on earth.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, covetousness (idolatry) ... anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Don’t lie...

¹² Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on *other-oriented* love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **Col. 3:1-2, 5, 8-9, 12-14** ESV

³ Our _____ needs directing toward things of eternal significance, and away from what does not last/matter.

⁴ Heaven-minded is _____-minded & _____-minded.

“For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.” **2 Corinthians 4:17**

- _____—in doing lots of small things for lots of people. This is cultivating heaven-mindedness.
- _____—when it comes to stuff. Simplify. Give lots away. Get lean, and generous.
- _____—You and God (an audience of One).