



Earthbound But Heavenly-Minded Colossians 3:1–14

- 1) The heavenly-minded set their minds on Christ above (1-4)
 - a) We are dead to this world and hidden in Christ
 - b) We are alive in Christ and will be revealed in glory
- 2) Christians are outwardly distinguished from unbelievers (5, 8-11)
 - a) One puts to death sexual sins; one is ruled by them
 - b) One is content with Christ; one is greedy
 - c) One not ruled by emotions; one is overcome with bitterness
 - d) One speaks truth; one speaks lies (cf. John 8:44)
- 3) God's wrath will be revealed against unbelievers (6-7)
- 4) God's chosen people are known by their fruit (12-14)
 - a) Their inner renewal reveals the heart of Christ (12)
 - b) They forgive because they have been forgiven (13)
 - c) Their love is noticed as one who wears a mink coat (14)
- 5) How might a Christian develop Christlike character?
 - a) Read the Bible every day
 - b) Pray according to Scripture, dwelling richly upon it
 - c) Attend worship and be involved in someone's life by prayer
 - d) Surround yourself with God (listen, look, post)
- 6) How can we be victorious in our struggle with sin?
 - a) Starve anger and lust to death; don't feed them
 - b) Crowd bitterness with godly thinking (Phil. 4:8)
 - c) "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you" (Col. 3:16).