

Fix Your Sight on the Glory to Come

Philippians 3:17-4:1

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Main Point:

Since the Christian life is a spiritual battle, stand fast in the Lord by fixing your sight on the glory to come.

1. The Christian life is a spiritual battle.
2. Sadly, some professing Christians lose the battle.
3. Make sure that you do not also lose the battle.
4. Stand fast in the Lord by fixing your sight on the glory to come.

Quotations and Cross-References

Ephesians 6:11-12 ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. (NKJV)

1 John 2:15-16 ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world ... ¹⁶ For all that is in the world--the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions--is not from the Father but is from the world. (ESV)

Romans 7:19, 21 ¹⁹ For the good that I will *to do*, I do not do; but the evil I will not *to do*, that I practice ... ²¹ I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. (NKJV)

1 Peter 5:8 ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (NKJV)

J.A. Motyer "First they give themselves to indulgence; next they justify themselves in doing so and say that this is a proper and allowable way of life."

Colossians 3:5, 8 ⁵ Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry ... ⁸ But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. (NKJV)

F.F. Bruce "Those who deliberately indulge in sin and repudiate the will of God deny all that the cross of Christ stands for."

1 John 2:19 says, ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. (NKJV)

Hebrews 3:14 ¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end. (NKJV)