

**To Get The Most Out Of Life –
Set Your Affections Above
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If we walk in the pathway of righteousness, life should be getting brighter every day (Prov. 4:18)

I. Setting Your Affections

- A. Col. 3:1–2—If we accept the fact that we are risen with Christ, a decision is required
 - 1. To act according to that acceptance
 - 2. To set our affections on things above
- B. Col. 3:3—It is a historical fact that our rebellious nature died when Christ died—our life is now hidden with Christ in God. As long as we are afraid to die, we are still the devil’s slaves (see Heb. 2:14–15)
- C. Col. 3:4—There comes a time when we must go beyond just claiming healing, etc., by faith, but we must believe *Christ is our life*
- D. Col. 3:5—We cannot live in two different places at the same time. What we desire is our God
- E. Phil. 3:17–19—Many who claim to be Christians are the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are not willing to die to earthly things.
- F. Phil. 3:20–21—Our citizenship is already in heaven. Our body of humiliation will in due course be changed to be like His glorious body.
- G. 2 Cor. 4:15–16—All things are for our sakes:
 - 1. Our outward man is perishing but our inner nature is being renewed every day
 - 2. Most people never face the fact they are going to die
 - 3. There is enough resurrection life available to us now to keep our bodies strong and active as long as God wants us to live
 - 4. The secret is not to be so concerned about our body, but to be rightly related to the Lord
- H. 2 Cor. 4:17 & Heb. 11:27—Faith enables us to see that which our eyes cannot see, and while we look at the things that cannot be seen, our affliction works for us
- I. 2 Cor. 5:1–3 & Rev. 19:7–8—We live in an earthly tent (body) but we have a home in heaven
 - 1. The contrast between the best the earth can offer and what awaits us in heaven causes us to groan
 - 2. By putting on our heavenly dwelling, that is, by being prepared as a bride in fine linen (acting out righteousness), we will not be found naked
- J. 2 Cor. 5:4–5—God has made us for what he wants to do, that is to swallow up our mortality by eternal life, and He has given us the Spirit as a guarantee—or “down payment”
- K. 2 Cor. 5:10—If we are totally at home in this earthly body, there is something wrong with our spiritual condition
 - 1. This world is not the ultimate
 - 2. We walk by faith, not by sight
 - 3. We aim to please the Lord

4. We must all appear before the judgment seat of God
- L.** Is. 40:1–5—If we want the glory of the Lord revealed, we must prepare the way of the Lord:
1. Raise up the valleys (our inadequacies)
 2. Bring down the mountains (our pride, arrogance and self-righteousness)
 3. Make the crooked straight (set crooked things right in our life)
 4. Make the rough places plain
- M.** Is. 40:6–8—The temporary will die (disappear) but the Word of God will stand forever

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