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What Setting Is Your Mind On?

Kevin Booker

When we buy a product, especially one that is computerized or electronic, it often comes with a 'default' setting. This 'default' setting is the original manufacturers' setting that allows you to use the basic functions of the product, until you personalize the setting to fit your specific needs. So also, brothers and sisters, when we came to Christ we had a 'default' setting for our minds. Our minds were set on earthly things and on pleasing the flesh. However, the Holy Spirit, through the apostle Paul, admonishes us that we need to change that setting: **Colossians 3:1-4**, "*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*" (ESV)

Brothers and sisters, which setting is your mind on? In other words, what is it that you are intently focused on accomplishing in your life? Is it obtaining a college degree, earning a particular salary, having a specific career, or perhaps finding that special someone to share your life with? Or is it how you are going to serve your family, impact your co-workers for Christ Jesus, or encourage your brethren? Is it set on the troubles of this life, like an illness, financial hardship, or the wars that are going on around the world? Or is it set on meeting Jesus face to face, one day, and having your lowly body transformed into a glorious one like His. Is your mind set on spending an eternity in heaven with our Lord and God, worshipping and praising Him forever and ever?

The things that we set our minds on will determine whether we live to please ourselves or to please God. Jesus made it clear, when speaking to the Pharisees, that you can only do one or the other, there is no in between (**Luke 16:13**).

In the world, we were trained to seek the things that would be pleasing to our flesh. We were trained to find satisfaction in the temporary, material things of this world. But, now that we have died to the flesh, we no longer have an obligation to fulfill it (**Galatians 2:20, Romans 8:12**). We are now obligated to renew our minds by focusing on that which is spiritual and heavenly (**Romans 12:2**).

If you want to know what your mind is set on, then just examine the fruit that is evident in your life. If the fruit that you bear is consistently of the flesh; meaning sexual immorality, idolatry, jealousy, selfishness, fits of rage, etc..., then your mind is more than likely set on earthly things (**Galatians 5:19-21**). However, if the fruit that you bear is consistently of the Spirit; meaning love, joy, kindness, patience, gentleness, etc..., then your mind is more than likely set on things above (**Galatians 5:22-24**).

In order to set our mind on things above, we need to train ourselves to constantly turn our thoughts and desires to the will of our Lord (**2 Corinthians 10:5**). If not, then our minds will automatically go to the 'default' setting, which is of the flesh. This setting will only result in frustration, insecurity, anxiousness, bitterness, and even depression because earthly things are only temporary, they are not guaranteed, and therefore they cannot bring fulfillment to our lives. But, if we seek the things that are above or spiritual, then our lives will be filled with peace (**Romans 8:6, Isaiah 26:3**). Focusing on doing the will of God in our lives, (i.e. sharing our faith with the lost, serving one another in love, dying to self everyday), will bring us satisfaction. Setting our minds on the new life which awaits us in heaven and on being in the presence of the Almighty God forever will bring us hope, comfort, and security!

In conclusion: **Philippians 4:8** - "*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things.*" (NIV) Amen!!!

God Will Finish What He Started

Sometimes people make the mistake of thinking that God is altogether like themselves (**Psalms 50**), but that has never been true. And despite the fact that people distort the image of God in their own minds, hearts, and likeness, it never changes who God truly is. We were created in His image and not the other way around! And our God and Father IS faithful. He is not faithful sometimes, when the mood hits Him or when He is having a good day – He IS faithful. God, being faithful, is not God doing anything other than being Himself - it’s who He is, not just something He does from time to time. So we can take great comfort in all of His promises because, when He issues a promise, it is always “yes” in Christ (see **2 Corinthians 1**). There would be no comfort if He were like us, because we are only learning to be faithful, but let’s not lose heart, because we have to remember that God’s not finished with us yet! Even though you and I begin a lot of things that we have a hard time finishing, God is not like that at all. One of His great promises to us is found in the opening of the letter that Paul wrote to the Philippian Church. It reads like this: “...*He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*” (**Philippians 1:6b**) No matter how many times I read that, it always encourages me. God’s not finished with us yet. He is carrying on His work and so we can also, knowing that He will finish it someday - you can count on it! What will the final outcome be? You and I will be transformed and given a glorious body like that of our Lord Jesus Christ. Talk about a major renovation - God has undertaken it in us and will finish it for sure. And all of us in Christ say, “AMEN!”

Your Brother (and fellow incomplete renovation),

Roger Wine

“The Lord added to their number...” Acts 2:47 Baptisms

DATE	NAME	TOWN
04/01/07	Andreina Fernandez	Bay Shore
04/03/07	Robin Guirantes	Holbrook
04/05/07	Carlos Perez	Brentwood
04/05/07	Aracelis Perez	Brentwood
04/08/07	Michael Cooke	Brooklyn
04/22/07	Gabriel Berrios	Stony Brook
05/07/07	Gordon Palmer	Springfield Gardens
05/12/07	Colinda Taylor	Coram
05/20/07	Maria Calderon	Jamaica, Queens

“They first gave themselves to the Lord...” 2 Corinthians 8:5

Weekly Budget: \$ 8,000

DATE	ATTENDANCE	CONTRIBUTION
05/06/07	289	\$ 8,537
05/13/07	291	\$ 7,920
05/20/07	316	\$ 8,369
05/27/07	278	\$ 7,913

The Proverbs 31 Woman
Bernadette Gómez

Sisters, when you look at the woman of today, what do you see? What is she known for? What are her identifying character traits? But, we have a better example set for us in the Scriptures - the Proverbs 31 woman! Please take a moment to turn your Bible to **Proverbs 31:10-31** and carefully read this passage. Keep in mind that this is the standard set for us by God Himself.

What was your first reaction when you read about the Proverbs 31 woman? What do you admire most about her? Keep in mind that she was the wife of an elder (**Proverbs 31:23**). This tells us that it took time to develop into this type of woman. This is not something that is achieved in a day or a month. It takes years of training, hard work, denying yourself, and perseverance to achieve these qualities. Yes, it is difficult; but it is possible! Take comfort in that, as God is giving us this role model because He knows that we can do it. It is possible to become like the Proverbs 31 woman and today we are going to learn the secret to how this woman accomplished all of these amazing things.

I. FEAR THE LORD; MAKE THE LORD #1 IN YOUR LIFE

Take a look at **Proverbs 31:30**, “*a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.*” She feared the Lord. She had a healthy fear of God. What does it mean to fear the Lord? Is it more than just a feeling? Let’s turn our Bibles to **Proverbs 2:1-5**. There are 8 things involved in fearing God, according to this Scripture. What are they? The Proverbs 31 woman did these regularly. What about you? In which areas do you need to improve?

II. SHE DELIGHTED HERSELF IN THE SCRIPTURES AND MEDITATED ON THEM DAY AND NIGHT AND, AS A RESULT, SHE WAS BLESSED (A FEELING OF WELL-BEING AND CONTENTMENT)

Take a look at **Proverbs 31:28**, “*Her children arise and call her blessed, her husband also...*” How is it that her children and husband arose and called her blessed? Let’s turn our Bibles to **Psalms 1:1-3**. There are 3 things that a blessed person does not do. What are they? In contrast, what does a blessed person do?

III. SHE GETS UP WHILE IT IS STILL DARK AND GIVES THE LORD THE FIRSTFRUITS OF HER TIME

Take a look at **Proverbs 31:15**, “*She gets up while it is still dark...*” Look at **Mark 1:35**. Jesus got up early in the morning, “*while it was still dark,*” to go to a solitary place to pray. Jesus depended on His Father for everything and sought out His Father first thing in the morning. The Proverbs 31 woman did the same thing. If she was starting her day, depending on her own strength, we would have seen fruit similar to Martha’s. Please turn to **Luke 10:38-42**. Martha’s focus was not on the right things. We understand this by the fruit that she displayed: she was stressed, frustrated and irritated. On the other hand, the Proverbs 31 woman was thinking about the right things and doing the right things and this showed in her attitude. Even her children and husband would arise and call her blessed and would praise her. She got up early to draw near to the Lord and prepare her heart and mind and *then* she would perform her duties. She was truly a prepared woman drawing her strength and encouragement from the Lord!

In conclusion, if the Lord is Lord of your time and your mind, you will be able to accomplish anything you set your heart to, just like the Proverbs 31 woman. Are you willing to deny yourself? Are you willing to sacrifice your temporary, evil desires? Are you willing to give the Lord the first fruits of your time and get up early to be in the Word and pray? Remember **Philippians 4:13**, sister, that we can do all things through Christ who gives us the strength!

“For the building up of the Body...”

Ephesians 4:12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 📖 We will not meet for Wednesday night Bible class on June 13th (Long Island and City).
- 📖 **Devotional Services:** June 15th and June 29th @ 8:00 P.M., here in the chapel. Please come early to fellowship and to encourage one another.
- 📖 **Men’s Retreat:** Will be held from June 8th through June 9th. Please visit www.cocmensretreat.com for more information or to register.
- 📖 **Marriage Seminar:** There will be an 8 week marriage seminar starting June 3rd. Please see Steve Aponte Sr. for more information.
- 📖 **Vacation Bible School:** VBS is just around the corner! It will be held on the evenings of July 9th - July 13th at the N.Y.I.T. chapel. The cost is \$35/family and you can register on Sundays following Church services.
- 📖 If you would like to order a cassette tape of a past sermon or seminar, please see Rob Dixon.
- 📖 If you would like to send a Church bulletin or a Bible study to an interested relative/friend on a regular basis, please contact our brother Jack Peisel.
- 📖 All announcements should be submitted to Derek Peterson. Address/telephone changes can be e-mailed to directory@licoc.org.
- 📖 **Parking reminder** - Public Safety has issued a statement requesting that all church members and visitors **refrain** from parking on any **grass areas** beyond the parking lots surrounding the chapel. Thank you for your cooperation.

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- ✝ Apologetics PressInternational
- ✝ We Care Ministries.....West Monroe, Louisiana
- ✝ Ron Clayton.....India
- ✝ Oswaldo Sanchez.....El Salvador, Central America

“Your faith toward God has gone forth...”

1 Thessalonians 1:8

COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS MINISTRIES

Long Island Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Robert Carr.....(631) 348-7322
New York Institute of Technology Chapel, Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, N.Y.

City Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Pedro Gelabert(347) 392-4339
Individual House Churches

Spanish Ministry.....(Tuesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Charlie Gómez.....(631) 772-2889
New York Institute of Technology Chapel, Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, N.Y.

UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS

For anyone wanting to use his/her vacation in a fruitful way, take a vacation to help bring souls to Jesus. :) Join a “We Care Ministry” soul winning team and help bring people to the Lord. Learn the techniques of the “We Care Ministry” team leaders: Larry West, Willie Tolison, and Bill Oden. Room and board will be provided. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Bob Carr.

We Care Campaign Itinerary

2007	Location
May 30 - June 10	Waynesboro, VA
Sept 5 - Sept 16	Keene, New Hampshire
Oct 3 - Oct 14	Waterbury, CT