

FOR WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?

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"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth." {Colossians 3:1,2}

Following our obedience to Christ, we must make a "course adjustment". True, we still live in the world, but our goals must change. How is this accomplished? What things should we now "seek after"? Let me offer some suggestions from God's word for your consideration.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." {Matthew 5:16} Are you "seeking" to be that beacon on the hill? Does your life now point men to Christ?

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." {Romans 1:16} Are you "seeking" for opportunities to share the gospel with those you come into contact with? Do you bring up the Bible in your discussions with those in the world?

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" {1Corinthians 15:58} Are you "seeking" to abound in His work? Do you look for ways to improve your work in His kingdom?

"Test all things; hold fast what is good Abstain from every form of evil." {1 Thessalonians 5:21,22} Do you "seek" for God's approval for all you do? Do you "seek" to abstain from all forms of evil, which could put you back into the world?

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. " {Galatians 6: 7,8} Are you "seeking" to sow to the Spirit? Will your harvest be for the flesh or the spirit?

"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me." {Philippians 3:12} Are you pressing toward the goal? Do you "seek" to keep your focus on heaven?

"That you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory." {1 Thessalonians 2:12} Are you "seeking" to conform your life to be a pattern of His word?

"Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you"; unless indeed you are disqualified" {2 Corinthians 13:5} Do

you daily "seek" to take inventory of the things which you do? Comparing them to God's standard, His word?

"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge," {2 Peter 1:5} Are you "seeking" to add these traits to your life? Does your life depict one of "seeking" ways to grow stronger in the faith?

"For he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God." {Hebrews 11:10} Are constantly "seeking" for that better country like Abraham of old? Do you long for the time to be in heaven with all of God's children and praising Him for all eternity? Can one who observes your life see your "citizenship" is settled in heaven? So how are you doing? Does your life show that you are daily "**seeking things above?**" ***