

SET YOUR HEART ON JOY

Text: Colossians 3:1-4

What we receive in life is often determined by what we are looking for in life. Being risen “with Christ” means we can and should set our hearts on higher goals.

I. WE MUST CHOOSE TO THINK POSITIVE THOUGHTS. *Philippians 4:8*

A. Disciplined thoughts are productive thoughts.

B. We must take deliberate action to replace negative thoughts with positive thoughts.

II. WE MUST CHOOSE TO LISTEN TO POSITIVE WORDS.

A. Many times our spirit is crushed or belittled by what we listen to.

B. Every time we hear from the Lord or His Word we are strengthened and blessed.

III. WE MUST CHOOSE TO LOOK TO POSITIVE EXAMPLES. *Hebrews 12:2*

A. Looking for the bad in people and in life never helped anyone.

B. Looking to Jesus as a positive example will help anyone. *Hebrews 12:2-3*

IV. WE MUST CHOOSE TO SPEAK POSITIVE WORDS.

A. Harsh, unkind and critical words destroy life.

B. Words of love, grace and goodness give life.

V. WE MUST CHOOSE TO BEHAVE IN A POSITIVE MANNER.

A. Negative, selfish and dishonest behavior displeases God.

B. Actions that uplift others are actions that God can bless.