

Setting Your Life

Colossians 3:1-2 (NIV)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Introduction

Have you been raised with Christ?

- When you put your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and are baptized, you are united with Him in His death, burial, and resurrection.
- Now, Paul wants to especially focus on this third aspect of being raised with Christ. And the idea here is not only being raised with Christ from death to new life, but being raised with Christ to the heavenly places. In other words, being raised with Christ includes both His resurrection and ascension.

As we have been raised with Christ, we should internalize daily the following commands in our lives:

A. Set your hearts on things above: New Direction.

- The phrase translated as "set your hearts" is a phrase that means "to seek something."
- "The things above" refers to heavenly things, eternal things, and the things of God rather than the things of man. The things above are those things that will last forever in contrast with the temporary things of this world.

Matthew 6:19-21 (NKJV)

^{19th}Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

3. Why do you seek the things above? It is because that's where Christ is! You love Jesus. You hunger and thirst after Christ. You want to be with Him, and He is above. He is seated at the right hand of God, which is also the place of highest authority.

To set your heart on things above where Jesus is seated at the right hand of God means Jesus is Lord of your life.

4. Spiritually, you have been raised with Christ, and you are sitting with him in the heavenly realms. That means that you have the higher ground over the enemy.

You have been freed from Satan and from sin. You have authority in Christ who is seated at the right hand of God.

Ephesians 2:6 (NKJV)

And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

B. Set your minds on things above: New Focus.

- The phrase translated "set your mind" is a phrase that means "to think about constantly."
- 2. The sin is not in the earthly things themselves but in making them your focus. Don't set your minds on

earthly things. Don't go thinking of earthly things all the time. Instead, your thoughts should be focused on heavenly things.

Philippians 3:19-20 (NKJV)

¹⁹Whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. ²⁰For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. When you set your minds on things above, it will revolutionize your thinking. You will think good, right, and worthy thoughts instead of focusing on so much of the garbage that we put up with down here on Earth.

Philippians 4:8 (NKJV)

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble. whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy meditate on these things.

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PROMOTING SAFETY, SAVING

n our world today, there is no guarantee of safety and security as disasters and natural calamities can occur anytime and anywhere without notice. As a school that cares for one's future, United Christian Academy (UCA) takes on the responsibility of developing emergency-ready citizens that can help their families and communities in times of need.

In partnership with the Parañaque Filipino-Chinese Fire Volunteer Association (PFCFVA), UCA held its Fire Awareness Seminar and Drill last March 20 and 21, Thursday to Friday. The licensed firefighters and criminologists from the PFCFVA discussed valuable insights and shared their expertise in their field—teaching the students knowledge, starting from the formation of fires to our role as the "first responders." Everybody participated in the fire drill simulation where they acted as if there was a real fire and evacuated from the school campus.

Above everything, it is still unto the Lord whom we put our trust for He will deliver us and protect us from the dangers of this world.



discusses the basics and importance of fire safety.



speaker from PFCFVA, Licensed Criminologist and Fire Officer I from the Bureau of Fire Protection, Mr. Jonniel Dela Cruz Moya, held the Basic Fire Safety Awareness Seminar. At the end of the seminar, the students are delighted for the knowledge they learned about.





The students actively participate and listen to the speaker, taking down notes as he









We may have no control and power over disasters, but what we can do is help prevent it and make necessary preparatory actions in case such disaster happens. Let us work hand-in-hand to promote safety and save lives.

Ephesians 4:2

With all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love.

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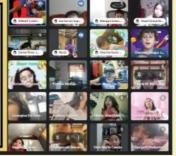
- S Squeeze the operating lever
- S Sweep the nozzle from side to side



In reality, we never know what might happen or when a disaster may occur, which is why preparation is vital to ensure the safety of everyone.

How to use a Fire Extinguisher

P-A-S-S METHOD











Even at a young age, having awareness and understanding about fire-related situations can not only contribute to their overall knowledge, but also help them be ready and equipped to respond in case of emergencies.





There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

Ephesians 4:4 (NKJV)





The students are highly enthusiastic as they gain new knowledge and skills in basic fire safety. They are taught how to manually turn off an LPG tank caught on fire, and fight fires using fire extinguishers and a water hose.

Ephesians 4:25 (NKJV) Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

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Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.





Mahalaga sa ating mamamayan na kilala ng bawat isa ang mga tumatakbong lingkod-bayan sa ating lungsod dahil sila ang mga tatayong lider sa lipunan.

Nitong nakalipas na Linggo, bumisita ang partido ng Team Pag-asa sa panambahan ng UCF. Sila ay nagkaroon ng pagkakataon na ibahagi ang kanilang mga karanasan, mga planong proyektosa lungsod ng Parañaque at ang pamamaraan nila upang ito ay maisakatuparan. Ang mga miyembro at manggagawa ng panambahan ay aktibong nakinig sa kanilang mga ipatutupad na programa sa pagdating ng panahon.

Sa pamamagitan nito ay malayang nakilatis ng bawat isa ang bawat kandidato para sa posisyong kanilang nais gampanan.

Bago sila humayo ay nagbigay din ang kanilang grupo ng munting handog sa mga dumalo. Binigyang pasasalamat nila si Punong Pastor Rev. Dr. William Sy, ang kaniyang maybahay na si Sis. Dely Sy, at si Rev. Dr. James Sy na tumanggap sa kanilang paanyaya upang ibahagi ang kanilang mga plataporma.

Maging mapanuri at kilatisin ang mga ibobotong lingkodbayan na mamamahala sa ating lipunan. Sapagkat ating karapatan na pumili ng nararapat na lider para sa bayan.

UCACOA TESDA BOOKKEEPING TRAINING



very individual has the opportunity to choose which career path they will take. In partnership with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), UCA College of Asia (UCACOA) opened its doors to a bright and productive future that awaits students. UCACOA continuously conducts classes for the free TESDA

Bookeeping NCIII Training program. The students attends both face-to-face and online modes of learning, providing a dynamic and flexible learning environment. In addition, free allowance is provided for their daily necessities.

This training prepares students for real-world financial scenarios through knowledge transfer and practical skills training. Maximize your time and be skillful, enrol in this training program that qualifies you for in-demand jobs worldwide.

Colossians 3:12 (NKJV) ¹²Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

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Patuloy ang misyon ng UCF na ipangaral ang Salita ng Diyos sa mga nawawalang tupa. Kaya naman muling gaganapin ang UCF Family Camp na layuning sama-samang maranasan ng bawat pamilya ang pag-ibig ng Diyos. Oportunidad din ito upang sila rin ay makarinig ng ebanghelyo at makilala ang Panginoon.

Ang UCF Family Camp 2025 ay gaganapin sa Abril 19-20, Sabado hanggang Linggo, sa UCF Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center. Ang lahat ay imbitado mula bata hanggang matanda

upang makisaya, makilaro at makapagpuri sa ating Panginoong Diyos. Makakasiguro na ang lahat ay masaya at busog matapos ang buong araw na mga aktibidades. Higit sa lahat, ating papupurihan at mararanasan ang presensiya at pagsama ng Panginoon sa kabuuan ng programa.

Kaya naman malugod tayong makilahok kasama ang ating mga pamilya upang kanila ring makilala ang ating Diyos at ang kapatiran ng UCF!



Masasayang mga palaro at group chant ang aabangan ng mga magsisipagdalo na tiyak na kagigiliwan ng lahat.



⁶Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Peter 5:6-7 (NKJV)



Buong pusong awitan at bigyang parangal ang Panginoon kasama ang kapatiran at damahin ang presensiya ng Diyos lugar na ito.



Sa pangunguna ng mga pastor at lider ng panambahan, ang mga nagsipagdalo ay tiyak na mabubusog sa Salita ng Diyos na kanilang tatalakayin.



Bitbit ang mga flag at torch, sama-sama nating ideklara ang katapatan at mga pangako ng Diyos sa panambahan at sa ating buhay.



Colossians 3:12 (NKJV) If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

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Ang lahat ay maaari ring makisaya at maligo sa swimming pool kasama ang mga kapamilya. Talagang magsisilbing bakasyon rin ang araw na ito.



Malugod na kumuha ng mga litrato kasama ang inyong pamilya sa Panginoon at mag-uwi ng masasayang alaala mula sa programang ito.



⁹Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.

Colossians 3:9-10 (NKJV)



Colossians 3:22 (NKJV) Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.

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Pakikiisa sa kaayusan ng ministeryo

Sa papalapit na mga programang isasagawa ng panambahan, nararapat lang na paghandaan ito para sa ikagaganda ng gawain.

Ang mga manggagawa at boluntaryo ng UCF Mt. Tabor Church ay nagtulong-tulong sa pagsasaayos ng iba't ibang bahagi ng Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center bilang preparasiyon sa nalalapit na Family Camp. Ang puso ng bawat isa ay nagagalak na maging kabahagi ng gawaing ito para sa ikagaganda pa lalo ng ministeryong ipinagkatiwala ng Diyos...

Purihin ang Diyos sa kalakasang patuloy Niyang ipinagkakaloob sa Kaniyang mga anak upang Siya ang mapaglingkuran.



And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.

Colossians 3:23 (NKJV)

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4. When your focus is on heaven, you view all person in light of eternity, realizing that they will spend forever in either heaven or hell.

2 Corinthians 5:15-16 (NKJV)

¹⁵And He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. ¹⁶Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

Challenge

1 John 2:17 (NKJV)

And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

So where is your life set into?

- Where is your heart What do you seek?
- Where is your mind What do you think about?

Don't let the world influence your thinking, but...

- Let your mind be transformed by Christ and His word.
- Let your mind be soaked with the Scriptures and with thoughts of Christ.

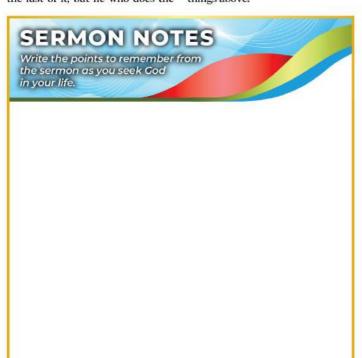
Starting today, set your life on things above.

- Since you have been raised with Christ, you have a new direction and a new focus.
- Set your hearts and minds on things above.















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