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This past July, our family spent a few days on a string of lakes near Orlando, Florida. On one of the lakes was a home you could not miss. In fact, it is a 90,000 square foot mansion to model the famous Versailles. When I asked about the owner, the legacy was sad. Rich, but divorced. Accomplished, but empty. What hit me about this person was if I’m not careful, my character – my legacy could sound just as empty. I want to avoid that reputation, and so do you.

But how? Paul gives us one of the clearest answers in all of Scripture. Listen to Paul’s words in Colossians 3:2-3 (NLT).

“Think about the things of Heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.”

Yesterday, we talked about having that eternal mindset. We are called to set our eyes on the realities of Heaven.

Today Paul says, don’t think about the things of this earth. Don’t spend your hours, minutes, and seconds focused on what the world offers. John said as much in 1 John 2:15. John writes, “Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.”

I hate to admit this, but I can talk a lot about the loves of my life. I love my wife. I love my kids. I love my parents. I love my job. I love Back to the Bible. I love Indian food. I love a good ribeye. But I don’t know how much I talk about my love for Christ. And I’m not happy about that. But what it does reveal is how much I love this world.

I need to remember what Paul said. I need to focus on Heaven because my real life is hidden with Christ in God. This means our lives are to be aligned with Christ. We have a unique and privileged relationship with God through Christ. And our heavenly hope is secured in Christ.

So here’s my challenge for you today: Thank God for His gift of Jesus and tell Him how much you love Him. Tell others about your love of Christ. Christianity is about a relationship with God through His Son. It’s an intimate love relationship that nothing can beat.

So tell Him and tell others. When our eyes are fixed on Heaven, sin will be defeated, and gratitude, love, and security will result.