

“Higher Ground”

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Philippians 4:8, Colossians 3

It has been said Paul spoke more about the mind than the soul. Numerous passages speak to our thoughts. Paul’s teaching regarding our mind is not as a modern day motivational speaker but rather as a solid man of God encouraging right thinking, focusing on things that are healthy and lasting rather than temporarily gratifying.

Much of what we are looking at these weeks could be summarized in two words, **CONCENTRATION** and **ELEVATION**. Let’s look at each today,

CONCENTRATION

EMPHASIS: Taking **TIME**, **TASKS** and thoughts seriously.

More substantial than **POSITIVE** thinking.

Focus is on higher thinking not **HAPPY** living

ELEVATION

EMPHASIS: Desiring the **VIEW** of Christ

Seeing nobility in **NASTY** work/Christ in crisis

Dignity in the **DIRT**/honor in a **HANDSHAKE**