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# The Lord's Challenge to Us

- “Seek” or “set your mind” on things above (Col. 3:1–2).
  - Be “spiritually minded” (Romans 8:6).
  - Focus on “the food which endures to everlasting life” (John 6:27); don’t focus on that which is “temporary,” but on that which is “eternal” (2 Cor. 4:18).
  - Give more attention to the things that matter most.
  - What do we have to help us think this way?
    - The New Testament
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# The New Testament

- A uniquely spiritual “book,” and so it trains us to think on spiritual things.
  - And one of the ways it does this is by praising people for the things that matter most.
  - Let’s notice the things for which people WERE praised vs. the things for which they were NOT praised.
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# In the New Testament...

- We never see people praised for their “nice house,” but we do see them praised for what did with their house (and other resources).
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# In the New Testament...

- We never see people praised for their physical strength/abilities, but we do see them praised for their spiritual strength.
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# In the New Testament...

- We never see people praised for their **outward** beauty, but we do see them praised for their **inner** beauty.
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# In the New Testament...

- We never see people praised for “this world” knowledge, but we do see them praised for their knowledge of God’s word.
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# In the New Testament...

- We never see people praised for their work in their chosen field, but we do see them praised for their work “in the Lord.”
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