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The believer is to seek those things which are above and to <u>set</u> <u>our affection</u> [set our mind] on things above, not on things on the earth, because our life is hidden with Christ in God (*Col. 3:1-2*). Our aims and objectives should not be limited to our short stay on earth. Since heaven is holy, our present aim should be to grow in holiness. Since in heaven we will be like Christ, our goal should be to become more like Christ each day.

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