



## The Home of the Victorious!

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John 14: 1-4

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms, if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And, if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

**Heaven is our home!**

**Does knowing we're going to heaven when we leave this earth impact us today?**

**"Aim at Heaven and you will get earth thrown in: aim at earth and you will get neither." C.S.Lewis**

Colossians 3: 1-4

*"Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."*

Aiming at Heaven teaches us how to live on earth.

What you think about your future will radically determine your present.

Matthew 6:19-21

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasure on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

Our heart looks to Heaven as our home and our hope.

Hope is what we expect and are sure will satisfy our deepest desires.

*Can the things of this world and the pursuit of them satisfy our deepest desires?*

C.S.Lewis wrote; *"Most people, if they really learned how to look into their own hearts, would know that what they do want, and want acutely, is something that cannot be had in this world."*

An earthly focus misleads us:

1. Getting value and identity from earthly things.
2. Sense of security
3. Accumulating enough money and material goods to stop worry and bring joy
4. Experiencing consistent pleasure
5. Finding perfect love
6. Aging
7. Finding self-worth from other's opinions

1 Timothy 6: 17-19

*Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.*

Each day will bring us opportunities to live in a powerful way.