

Colossians 3:1-2

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*

### **1.) The days do not stop moving.**

Ephesians 5:15-17

*<sup>15</sup> Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*

### **2.) The advancement of God's kingdom does not stop.**

Mark 1:14-15

*<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."*

### **3.) God is always in control.**

Job 1:8-12

*And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?" <sup>9</sup> Then Satan answered the Lord and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason? <sup>10</sup> Have you not put a hedge around*

*him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. <sup>11</sup> But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.” <sup>12</sup> And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand.” So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.*

Job 42:1-6

*Then Job answered the Lord and said:*

*<sup>2</sup> “I know that you can do all things,*

*and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.*

*<sup>3</sup> ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’*

*Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,*

*things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.*

*<sup>4</sup> ‘Hear, and I will speak;*

*I will question you, and you make it known to me.’*

*<sup>5</sup> I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,*

*but now my eye sees you;*

*<sup>6</sup> therefore I despise myself,*

*and repent in dust and ashes.”*

Psalm 103:19

*The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,*

*and his kingdom rules over all.*

**4.) Our hope is in Christ alone.**

1 Corinthians 3:11

*11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

Luke 12:4

*4 "I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do."*

1 Timothy 4:10

*10 For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.*