

Keeping the Focus

Text: Phil 3:18-21 Col 3:1-4

I. Introduction

1. Dual Citizenship:
Phil 3:20 – Citizenship in heaven

2. A focused perspective
 - a. Set your heart on things above – Col 3:1
 - b. Set your mind on things above – Col 3:2

3. Obstacles along the way – Col 3:5-9

II. Abraham: A Man With A Heavenly Perspective - Heb 11:8-10

1. A man of faith – v8

2. A man of obedience – v8

3. A man not rooted in earthly attractions – v9

III. Scripture Exhorts Us To Keep A Focus On Jesus - Heb 11:2

1. Examples of those who lost focus or perspective:

a. Achan – Joshua 7:20

- 1 Jn 2:15-16

- James 4:14-16

- Deut 8:10-11

b. David – 2 Sam 11:2

c. Corinthian believers – 2 Cor 2 (Unforgiveness)

2. Examples of those who kept focus or perspective

a. Joseph – Gen 37

b. Job – Job 1-2

c. Nehemiah – Neh 2:19, 4:14

IV. Conclusion

Abraham never lost perspective, even in prosperity –
Gen 13:2

Job never lost perspective, even in adversity – Job
13:15

Paul – Acts 26:17