
The Year of Equipping Series:
Align Your Attention
Colossians 3:1-4

Equipping means to prepare, train, and make fully qualified for service; to bring into alignment. In the scripture it says to seek on things above and set your mind on things above. Seeking means to desire, inquire of Him and then require. Seeking those things is not a casual matter. Additionally, to set your mind means to *exercise* the mind.

You can only align your mind to what you seek.

WHY ATTENTION ALIGNMENT IS IMPORTANT

Misaligned Attention Can Result In Destruction For Us And A Trap For Others (Gen 19:17, 26)

In the scripture there was a warning of destruction. Lot was told to take his family and go. The instruction was to *not look back*. Lot's wife gave her attention to what was behind her instead of looking forward to the path of mercy. God is making mercy available to us.

A trap for others can result when someone is trying to turn another away from their assignment. **(Matthew 16: 21-23)**

Misaligned Attention Can Put Us In Opposition With God (Romans 8:5-7)

If you live according to the flesh, you set your mind on an old life. If you live according to the spirit, you will find yourself pleasing God. Is your attention focused on God or on pleasing yourself?

Misaligned Attention Can Pervert Our Liberty As A License To Sin. (Philippians 3:17-19)

We have bent the scripture and moved the line of righteousness. Are you willing to leave behind what God asks you to leave behind?

HOW DO WE ALIGN OUR ATTENTION?

Examine Your Heart (2 Corinthians 13: 5-6)

“Self-examination provides early detection.” – Dr. D’Ann V. Johnson

Guard Your Input (Proverbs 4:23, Galatians 6:7)

A man’s harvest depends entirely on what he sows. What is planted in you is what is going to grow.

Pray for Direction (Colossians 4:2)

Continue in earnest, make time to acknowledge God’s presence, and be purposeful in your prayer life.

Read and Study the Word (1 Timothy 4:12, 2 Timothy 2:15)

Use the doctrine to align your life and be diligent to present yourself to God.

“The Bible is the only book, that when you read it, the author is present.” – Dr. D’Ann V. Johnson.

Conclusion

“By aligning our attention with God’s will, we can guide our minds and our lives toward His purpose.”
– Dr. D’Ann V. Johnson.