

## MARK 8

began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, <sup>a</sup> "Get behind me, Satan! For you <sup>b</sup> are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

- Jesus is sharing the "plan" with the apostles
- Peter rebukes Him

## WHY WOULD PETER DO THIS!?

Jesus answers this question:

Peter was "setting his mind on the things of man"

## WHERE DOES MAN SET HIS MIND?

- The flesh
- All things SELF (selfish ambition, self gratification, etc)
- Whatever benefits himself

## Jesus continues....

<sup>34</sup> And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me let him <sup>c</sup> deny himself and <sup>d</sup> take up his cross and follow me." <sup>35</sup> For <sup>d</sup> whoever would

\*After referring to Peter as Satan, He calls the crowd over. This exchange is a continuation of where followers of Christ are to "set their mind."

**You CANNOT DENY SELF IF YOU SET YOUR MIND ON "SELF"!**

# Colossians 3:2

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

What/Who is above?

- Christ
- The things of God

What/who is on earth?

- Satan
- Sin
- Fleshly desires

DO NOT PUT  
YOUR MIND ON  
AUTO-PILOT!  
PREPARE YOUR  
MIND FOR ACTION!

WE ARE IN  
A WAR!

1 Peter 1:13-16

[13] Therefore, preparing your minds for action and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. [14] As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, [15] but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, [16] since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

If we do not prepare our mind for action, if we instead put our mind on auto-pilot, we will gravitate toward our fleshly instincts and our fleshly instincts are to gratify and serve SELF, to conform to the passions of our past.

## 1 Peter 2:1-3

[1] So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. [2] Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation — [3] if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

It is interesting that, on the heels of the command to "BE HOLY", Peter gives just 5 things — but these 5 things hit us right where we need to be hit!

### ■ MALICE:

Intention or desire to do evil

### ■ DECEIT:

Action or practice of concealing or misrepresenting the truth

### ■ HYPOCRISY:

The practice of claiming to have a moral standard that does not conform to one's behavior

### ■ ENVY:

Resentment aroused by someone else's possessions, qualities, or luck

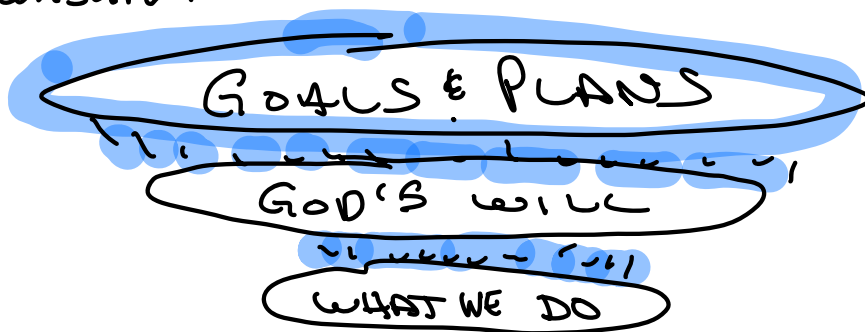
### ■ SLANDER:

Action of making false and damaging statements about someone

WHAT WOULD OUR  
"WALK" LOOK LIKE  
IF WE REMOVED  
THESE 5 ITEMS  
FROM OUR LIFE?

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It's not that we shouldn't have goals and plans, but we need to have priorities. Reminds me of a water filtration system that catches all the rain, but filters out what we do not want to consume.



FILTER ALL YOUR GOALS AND PLANS  
THROUGH GOD'S WILL.

For example:

- There is nothing wrong with starting a business, unless that business leads others into sin.
  - There is nothing wrong with being a song writer unless your songs glorify sin.
  - There is nothing wrong with trying to get a promotion, unless you are using slander and deceit to get it.
- Etc.

DETERMINE EVERY MORNING  
WHERE YOU WILL SET YOUR  
MIND TODAY!

Colossians 3:1

[1] If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.