



# Living as Citizens of Heaven



Embrace your identity as a heavenly citizen, finding hope and purpose beyond life's challenges.

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## Introduction

As a **teenager**, life can feel overwhelming. School pressures, friendships, family dynamics, and planning for the future often weigh heavily. Yet, as a *citizen of heaven*, your true home isn't on this earth—it's with God forever. This eternal perspective transforms how you view daily ups and downs, giving hope and purpose even in struggles.

Throughout this 3-day study, we'll explore what it means to live with eternity in mind. You'll see how to stay focused on your heavenly identity while navigating earthly challenges. The Bible reminds us that though life may bring pain or disappointments, our future is secure in Christ.

Being a citizen of heaven means you don't have to conform to the world's standards or let temporary problems define you. Instead, you are called to shine with hope, love, and faith, reflecting God's kingdom here and now. Join this journey to deepen your understanding of who you are in Christ and how that shapes your daily living. **Your true home awaits, so let's live with eternity in our hearts!** ✨🙏





## Day 1: 🐦 Your True Citizenship



## Your Verse

*Philippians 3:20 – "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *John 14:2-3 – "My Father's house has many rooms...I am going there to prepare a place for you."*
- *2 Corinthians 5:1 – "For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven."*



# Devotional: Discovering Your True Home in Heaven

**What does it mean to have citizenship in heaven?** It means your identity is rooted not in this world but in God's eternal kingdom. Philippians 3:20 reminds us that as followers of Jesus, our true home is heaven. This perspective encourages us to live differently, focusing on eternal values rather than temporary circumstances.

Often, teens feel pressure to fit in or find security in this world's achievements or relationships. But knowing your real citizenship is in heaven frees you to place your hope and confidence in God alone. Earthly struggles—like loneliness, failure, or confusion—don't have the final say because your future is secured by Jesus.

Remember, God is preparing a special place just for you (John 14:2-3). While you navigate challenges, hold tight to this promise: no matter what happens here, eternity with Christ awaits. Your life's purpose flows from this identity. As a heavenly citizen, you are called to live with hope, love, and a focus beyond yourself.



## Reflect and Apply

1. How does knowing your citizenship is in heaven change how you view your daily struggles?

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2. What earthly things are you tempted to make the center of your identity instead of God?

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3. In what ways can you live differently today knowing your true home is eternal?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time when you felt pressured to fit in with worldly expectations. How can your heavenly citizenship offer strength in that situation?

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2. List things that make you feel secure right now. Are they temporary or eternal?

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3. Describe what you think your heavenly home looks like and how that hope encourages you.

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Day 1: 🕊️ Your True Citizenship

## Prayer for Today

**Lord, thank You for making me a citizen of heaven.** Help me live with my eyes fixed on eternity, trusting Your promises over earthly troubles. When I feel lost or pressured, remind me of my true identity in You. Strengthen my faith to walk boldly as Your child, shining hope to those around me. May Your peace guard my heart today and always. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🙏 ✨ 🕊️





## Day 2: Living with Eternal Perspective



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## Your Verse

*Colossians 3:2 - "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Romans 12:2 - "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."*
- *1 Peter 1:13 - "Prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed."*



## Day 2: 🔥 Living with Eternal Perspective

## Devotional: Choosing What Truly Matters Every Day

**Keeping an eternal perspective shapes every decision we make.** Colossians 3:2 challenges us to focus on things above, not just on what's happening around us. This can be difficult as earthly distractions constantly pull for our attention—social media, peer pressure, and daily worries all compete for our hearts.

However, Romans 12:2 encourages transformation by renewing our minds. This transformation happens when we intentionally choose thoughts, values, and habits that reflect God's kingdom rather than the world's fleeting ways.

For a teen, living this way means assessing priorities daily. What am I focusing on? What influences am I letting shape my mind? 1 Peter 1:13 urges us to prepare ourselves, staying alert and hopeful, fully trusting in God's grace that will be revealed. Living with eternity in mind does not remove struggles but reframes them. You become less overwhelmed because your walk is anchored in God's promises, and more motivated to live purposefully.



Day 2: 🔥 Living with Eternal Perspective

## Reflect and Apply

1. What are the main things currently shaping your thoughts and mindset?

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2. How can you renew your mind to reflect God's kingdom more clearly?

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3. In what ways can you practice setting your mind on things above amid daily distractions?

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Day 2: 🔥 Living with Eternal Perspective

# Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on a recent decision—did eternal perspective influence it? Why or why not?

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2. Write about one habit or thought pattern you want to change to align more with God’s view.

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3. Describe how focusing on heaven changes your feelings about current challenges.

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Day 2: 🔥 Living with Eternal Perspective

## Prayer for Today

**Father, help me set my mind on You and heavenly things.** When distractions overwhelm me, please renew my thoughts to reflect Your truth. Teach me to choose what honors You each day, trusting Your grace to guide me.

Strengthen my resolve to live with eternal purpose, shining Your light in this world. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* ✨ 🙏 📖





## Day 3: ✨ Shining as Heavenly Citizens



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## Your Verse

*Matthew 5:14-16 - "You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Philippians 2:15 - "...live pure and blameless lives in a crooked and depraved generation, shining like stars in the universe."*
- *Titus 2:11-12 - "...teach us to say 'No' to ungodliness and live self-controlled, upright and godly lives."*



## Devotional: Reflecting God's Light with Confidence

**Citizens of heaven shine their light in the darkness around them.** Jesus calls us the light of the world (Matthew 5:14-16), showing how our lives should reflect God's goodness in every situation. As teens, you have unique opportunities to live differently—to stand out with kindness, truth, and love amidst peer pressure and cultural challenges.

Philippians 2:15 encourages us to be blameless and pure, shining like stars. This doesn't mean perfection but choosing godly values and actions that reflect Jesus' character. Living self-controlled and upright as Titus 2:11-12 says, helps you resist the pull of worldly temptations and serve as a witness to others.

**Remember, your influence matters.** Each kind act, bold truth, or patient response points others to God's kingdom. Though life as a teen might feel uncertain, your eternal citizenship empowers you to live confidently and shine brightly, knowing that God's light in you will never fade.



## Reflect and Apply

1. How does knowing you are God's light influence your daily actions?

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2. In what areas of your life could you shine brighter for Jesus?

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3. What challenges do you face in living a godly, upright life, and how can you overcome them?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you showed kindness or courage because of your faith.

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2. List ways you can intentionally shine God's light this week at school or home.

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3. Reflect on a situation where you struggled to live purely—how can God help you grow in that area?

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Day 3: ✨ Shining as Heavenly Citizens

## Prayer for Today

**Jesus, help me shine Your light brightly in my life.** When I face challenges or fear rejection, remind me that my heavenly identity strengthens me. Teach me to live pure, kind, and bold, reflecting Your love to those around me. Use me as a beacon of hope in a dark world. Thank You for the eternal hope and purpose I have in You. *Amen.* ✨ ✨ 🙏 ❤️





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