

Philippians 4:8-9

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Fighting for Peace

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Paul encourages us to deliberately fight to occupy our minds with healthy things in life, convinced that it leads to a supernatural peace no matter the circumstance.

- THINKING is of utmost importance in ALL of life.
- Don't THINK about the unhealthy things in life.
- THINK about the healthy things in this life.
- Find models that THINK and live this way.
- Create habits to THINK and live this way.

Notes:



Life Group Discussion Questions:

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What does the text say?

1. What does Paul intend to communicate with the word, “finally”?
2. Does Paul have something specific in mind that he shared previously in the letter or a general admonition with the phrases, “whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable”?
3. What does “if there is any excellence” and “if there is anything worthy of praise” mean? How is Paul using those questions here?
4. What ‘things’ does Paul have in mind as he encourages his audience to “think about these things”?
5. What does “learned and received” refer to? What does “heard and seen in me” refer to? Explain.
6. What does it mean to “practice these things”?
7. What does it mean that the peace of God “guards our hearts and minds”? Explain.
8. How would you paraphrase the big idea of Philippians 4:8-9?

How does it apply?

1. How aware are we of what’s going on in our culture through media, movies, TV, etc. and to what degree does it influence our thinking?
2. What are the primary influences of your life? What would you need to change to align your life more with what Paul describes that should saturate our thinking?
3. In general, does it feel like thinking deeply about God is encouraged or discouraged? Explain. How could we encourage more of it?
4. How do we as a group continue to invite those around us to think deeply about God, and be an influence their life?