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Words of Encouragement: Guard Your Mind Philippians 4:8-9

⁸And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. ⁹Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:8-9 NLT

1. Do you fix your thoughts on where truth is found? Do you meditate on the Word of God? Do you return to the Word of God for clarity?
Romans 1:18, 25; Galatians 2:5, 5:7; Psalm 19:9; Psalm 119:51
2. Are you filling your mind with things that bring honor to God? Where are you wasting time? Has it become a distraction from meditating on what is true?
Titus 2:2
3. Just because something is legal doesn't make it right. Where do you seek loopholes when God is calling you to do the right thing? Who are you when no one is watching? Do you seek to do what is right according to the Word of God?
Proverbs 21:3
4. Purity of thought leads to purity of action. With that in mind, do you fix your thoughts on what is pure? Do you pursue holiness that mirrors the mind of Christ?
1 Peter 5:8; Psalm 119:9
5. Paul reminds us to fix our thoughts on what is lovely, which means to always think the best. What are your thoughts toward your brothers and sisters? Toward His creation? Do you see the bad or think the best?
1 Corinthians 13:7

6. To fix our thoughts on what is admirable is a reminder to avoid gossip and slander. Don't dwell if it is not worth repeating. What do your words say about where you delight? What do they say about your faith?

James 1:26

7. Christ gives us the potential to think differently. As you reflect on this text, where do you need to let God change the way you think?

Romans 12:2