

Dwell on These Things

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6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



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8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. 9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Path of Peace

- Be anxious for nothing!
- Make HIM the focus when you are anxious
- Allow His peace to guard your heart and mind
- Whatever is true, think on, practice, share in love
- Whatever is honorable, put into practice
- Whatever is right, live out in every aspect of life
- Whatever is pure, do what is necessary to maintain

Whatever is Lovely

- *Prospiles*-friendly towards, agreeable
- A joy, and a pleasure to be around
- Quick to laugh (especially at one's self)
- “You could see they were ready to be friends with anyone who was friendly and didn't give a fig for anyone who wasn't. Shasta thought he had never seen anything so lovely in all his life.”~C.S. Lewis, *A Horse and His Boy*

Whatever is of Good Repute

- *Euphemos*-well spoken of reputable good report
- How long has it been since you've heard good news?
- Enough of obsessing over everything wrong
- What about fixing our minds on good news?
- Taking joy in good news, sharing good news
- Testimonies of what the Lord has done and is doing!

Any Excellence Any Praise

- Not even an exhaustive list!
- Anything else that encourages, builds up, edifies, strengthens, uplifts, gives life, gives hope, gives joy
- If there virtue consider how it can be practiced
- If it is praise worthy encourage yourself and others
- With thanksgiving and glory given to God from whom all blessing flow, lest they become idols.