

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
- Instead, dwell on things of virtuous value
- Whatever is true, think on, practice, share in love

Whatever is Honorable

- Literally venerable, reverend, reputable
- What has already proven to last the test of time?
- Talk to people older in the Lord than yourself
 - Hear their stories of God's goodness
 - Hear their experience with lean times
 - Hear their council on life, love, school, business

Whatever is Right

- What are your dealings with others like?
- Would you want to do business with you?
- One of the great criticisms of the church is hypocrisy
- Religious observance does the cause of Christ no favors if you are as crooked as everyone around you
- Being a person of right and just dealings
- Setting our mind on this OUGHT to drive us to church

Whatever is Pure

- The battlefield of the mindscape
 - What are you reading? Watching? Searching?
 - What are you fantasizing about?
- Garbage in; garbage out
- Chaste mind, heart, and body for the unmarried
- An exclusive, mutual, marital experience
- Difficult, so fight together! Accountability, The Body!