

## “The Peace of Mind and the Peace of God”

Text: Philippians 4:8-9

Thoughts from the text: Peace of mind is so essential for a believer’s growth in the Lord. In a world of mayhem, the Christian is the one who must always be a person who thinks on the things of Christ, even when the world thinks differently.

1. The people of God have and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and godly minds. Verse 8a
  - a. There is no such thing as \_\_\_\_\_. Take heed not to \_\_\_\_\_ to the world by \_\_\_\_\_ with it. The danger of compromising!
  - b. Failure to think godly in Christ can allow the mind to get \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Failure to be heavenly minded, leaves the mind \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. Fear - \_\_\_\_\_ is the opposite \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ - Failure to think according to God's word leads one to look to \_\_\_\_\_ to define truth.
  
2. The people of God \_\_\_\_\_ to think Godly things. Verse 8b
  - Think on things that are \_\_\_\_\_. (John 17:17; Ephesians 4:21)
  - Think on things that are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Think on things that are \_\_\_\_\_ or righteous. (1 John 3:7-8)
  - Think on things that are \_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 5:3-5; 1 Timothy 5:22)
  - Think on things that are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Think on things that are \_\_\_\_\_ or of good repute.
  - Think on things that are \_\_\_\_\_ and worthy of praise.
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Verse 9  
Philippians 3:17; Luke 6:40

## Application Questions

1. Is there anything currently in your life that is contributing to thoughts that are unholy, or unacceptable according to this passage? (i.e. Books, movies, music, relationships, etc.) What is the Lord telling you to do to remove whatever is tripping you up? How serious are you about holiness?
2. Since we need to have our minds continually renewed, what practical things could you do to ensure that the “word of Christ is dwelling in you richly” according to Colossians 3:16?
3. In 1 Corinthians 15:33, Paul tells us that “bad company corrupts good morals.” Why is it important to be friends with godly examples? Who in your life is providing a model for you to emulate?
4. Since the Holy Spirit always intends to convict us of sin, we will often have a guilty conscience and lack of peace. In order to gain the promise of peace according to verse 9, what are we to do when the Spirit does bring about conviction? (see 1 Thessalonians 5:19)  
What should be the process of “walking in the Spirit”?