

Answers and Comments Lesson 119

Bonds-prison	salvation	joy	heaven
Beaten	covered	rejoicing	
Prison	robe	heart	
Stocks	righteousness	love	
Offered	thanks	believing	
Sacrifice	Rejoice	rejoice	
Joy	thanks	joy	
Rejoice	rejoice	unspeakable	
Euodias	LORD	great	
Syntyche	praise	heaviness	
Same	Praise	continual	
Mind	LORD	sorrow	
Lord	harp	heart	
Rejoice	sing	weeping	
Lord	sing	rejoice	
Alway	song	rejoice	
Rejoice	play	weep	
Lord	loud	weep	
Rejoice	prayed	godly	
Evermore	heart	sorrow	
Greatly	rejoiceth	worketh	
Rejoice	LORD	sorrow	
LORD	spirit	world	
Soul	rejoiced	death	
Joyful	Saviour	not	
God	joy	rejoice	
Clothed	believing	names	
Garments	word	written	

Rom. 12:12 says of the believer “Rejoicing in hope...” We of all people have reason to rejoice evermore, we have a hope! I Tim. 1:1 “...and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope.” Christ Jesus our hope, our life, our Saviour!

There is nothing in this life that we should let over shadow our rejoicing in our hope!

Lesson 120 The Fourth Finally

Phil. 4:8 “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

The things that we think about are of utmost importance! Eight things are listed here that God wants us to think on. We will take a brief look at each of these.

Things that are:

True – Do you remember the question Pilate asked of the Lord in John 18:38? “Pilate saith unto him, _____ is _____?...” The believer knows the answer to this question. John 14:6 “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the _____ and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me.” The Lord Jesus Christ is the truth and therefore His Word is truth!

Ps. 119:160 “Thy _____ is _____ from the _____...”

Prov. 30:5 “Every _____ of _____ is _____...”

John 17:17 “Sanctify them through thy _____: thy _____ is _____.”

I Thes. 2:13 “...but as it is in _____, the _____ of _____.”

II Tim. 2:15 “...rightly dividing the word of _____.”

Eph. 6:14 “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with _____...”

Do you know people who believe something is “true” simply because it’s what “they think” or because someone has told them it’s “true”? Our minds should not rest in anything not confirmed by the rightly divided word of God!

We have a clear example of this in Deut. 29:19 “...that he _____ in _____ heart, saying, I shall have _____, though I _____ in the _____ of _____ heart...”

How easily we trust in “our heart”. And we know what God says about our heart in Jer. 17:9 “The _____ is _____ above all things, and desperately _____: who can know it.” Don’t surrender the arena of truth to “your heart”, a religion or any institution!

As we saw in Eph. 6:14 we need to fortify our minds with truth! Think on the truth! Think on the truth, not on things that are founded on human wisdom. In I Cor. 3:18 & 19 we read “Let no man _____ himself. If any man among you seemeth to be _____ in this _____, let him become a _____, that he may be _____. Vs. 19 For the _____ of this _____ is _____ with _____. For it is written, He taketh the _____ in their own _____.”

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The truth is not always well received. II Tim. 4:3 & 4 “For the time will come when they will _____ endure _____ ... vs. 4 And they shall turn away their _____ from the _____, and shall be turned unto _____.” I’m reminded of the lying prophets in I Kings 22:6 – 28. Why didn’t the king like to hear from Micaiah? Vs. 8 because he “doth not prophesy _____ concerning me, but _____...” What did the king’s messenger advise Micaiah to do? Vs. 13 ...let thy word, I pray thee, be _____ the _____ of one of _____, and speak that which is _____.” Yes, he wanted him to lie, to say things that the king wanted to hear! Micaiah says in vs. 14 ...As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I _____.”

What happened to Micaiah because he told the truth? Vs. 24 “But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and _____ Micaiah on the _____... vs. 27 ...Put this fellow in the _____, and feed him with the _____ of _____ and with _____ of affliction, until I come in peace.” As we know Israel was defeated in that battle and Ahab was killed! Even tho they believed they would win and return in peace they were dead wrong!

Let us not be guilty of embracing a false teaching because it make us “feel good” or it is what we like to hear. Let us not be guilty of saying smooth words to others so as not to “offend”!

Gal. 4:16 “Am I therefore become your _____, because I tell you the _____?”

Think on things that are true, fill our minds with the truth and speak the truth to others!

Eph. 4:15 “But _____ the _____ in _____...”

Thinking on the truth, the Lord and His Word , will free us from the destructive fiery darts of false thoughts that satan desires to fill our minds with.

Honest – things that are honorable, free from fraud. We should think on things that are honest!

Rom. 13:13 & 14 “Let us walk _____, as in the day; not in _____ and _____, not in _____ and _____, not in _____ and _____. Vs. 14 But put ye _____ the _____ and make not _____ for the _____, to fulfil the lusts thereof.”

We see some things in these verses that are the opposite of honest.

Deceit and hypocrisy are opposed to honesty. I think of what the Lord said when He saw Nathanael coming to him, “...and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is _____!” John 1:47. Nathanael was as much inside as he appeared to be on the outside!

II Cor. 8:21 “Providing for _____ things, not only in the sight of the _____, but also in the sight of _____.”

When we think on things that are honest, we will be concentrating on things that are in keeping with who we are: saints of God, holy, righteous, washed, sanctified, etc. We will think about things that are worthy of our position.

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I Thes. 2:12 “That ye would walk _____ of God, who hath _____ you unto his kingdom and glory.”

Eph. 4:1 “...that ye walk _____ of the vocation wherewith ye are called.”

Col. 1:10 “That ye might walk _____ of the Lord...”

Phil. 1:27 “Only let your _____ be as it _____ the gospel of Christ...”

Let us keep our minds free from things that are not in keeping with who we are. But rather concentrate on things worthy of our calling!

Just – That which God calls right.

II Sam. 23:3 “...He that ruleth over men must be _____, ruling in the _____ of God.”
Just and fearing God must go together. Fearing God – believing and being subject to God’s Word.

We see in Acts 10:22 that Cornelius was a just man because: “And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a _____ man, and one that _____ God...”

The believer’s moral and ethical behavior needs to be rooted in what God says is just, right, correct! Because the Supreme Court says something is right does not mean that God says so! When we’re thinking about things where judgments or decisions need to be made, we need to think about them in light of what God declares to be just!

Col. 4:1 “Masters, give unto your servants that which is _____ and _____...”

Lev. 19:36 “_____ balances, _____ weights, a _____ ephah and a _____ hin, shall ye have...” Unjust balances were used many times to cheat the buyer and make an unfair gain for the seller. We need to consider, think about everything in light of the “fear of God”. With respect to and in subjection to the Word of God. We should not entertain any thoughts that fall short of being just with God.

In Col. 3:22 we read, “Servants, obey in _____ things your masters according to the flesh; not with _____, as _____; but in singleness of heart, _____ God.”
When we think about things that are just, as defined by God in His word, we will do that which is just.

Pure – free from contamination, any mixture of foreign matter, undefiled.

Ex. 25:11 “And thou shalt overlay it with _____ gold...”

Ps. 119:140 “Thy word is very _____: therefore thy servant loveth it.”

I Tim. 1:5 “Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a _____ heart...”

I Tim. 3:9 “Holding the mystery of the faith in a _____ conscience.”

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As we can see many things can be pure. The things we think about should be pure, in I Tim. 4:12, Timothy is exhorted to be an example of the believer in "...spirit, in faith, in _____."

I Tim. 5:2 "...the younger as sisters, with all _____." When our minds are thinking on things that are pure, purity will characterize our lives.

Let's remember that God has purified us through the blood of His Son.

Titus 2:14 "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from _____, and _____ unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. When we think about our having been purified by the blood of Christ how wonderful to think about things that are pure!

Next time we will look at the last 4 things we are to think on.

When I think of these first 4 things, true, honest, just and pure, our lives will break forth in godliness bringing glory to God.