

Answers and Comments Lesson 120

What	wise	water	conversation
Truth	world	enemy	becometh
Truth	fool	truth	just
Word	wise	speaking	fear
True	wisdom	truth	just
Beginning	world	love	feareth
Word	foolishness	honestly	just
God	God	rioting	equal
Pure	wise	drunkenness	just
Truth	craftiness	chambering	just
Word	not	wantonness	just
Truth	sound	strife	just
Truth	doctrine	envying	all
Word	ears	on	eyeservice
God	truth	Lord	menpleasers
Truth	fables	Jesus	fearing
Truth	good	Christ	pure
Bless	evil	provision	pure
Himself	like	flesh	pure
His	word	no	pure
Peace	them	guile	purity
Walk	good	honest	purity
Imagination	speak	Lord	all
Mine	smote	men	iniquity
Heart	cheek	worthy	purify
Deceitful	prison	called	
Wicked	bread	worthy	
Deceive	affliction	worthy	

Has anyone ever asked you the question, “What are you thinking about?” What a great reply it would be if we would say “I was thinking about things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous and praise worthy.

That would be a real conversation starter or maybe ender!

I pray that we would each be letting these things occupy our minds crowding out evil, ungodly thoughts that destroy and defeat us.

Lesson 121 Think on these things

Phil. 4:8 & 9 “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...”

Our minds are to think on certain things. Why? The mind is where Satan focuses his attention.

II Cor. 11:3 “But I fear, lest by _____ means, as the _____ beguiled Eve through his _____, so your _____ should be _____ from the simplicity that is in Christ.”

Satan’s strategies include corrupting the believer’s mind. Get our minds thinking wrong. Get us to reason outside of the Word of God! How important to train our minds to think on the right things. The fifth thing in our list of things to think on is:

Things that are lovely

The word lovely is used 3 times in the Bible

II Sam. 1:23 “Saul and Jonathan were _____ and _____ in their lives, and in death they were not divided...”

In this passage David has learned of the death of Saul and Jonathan in the heat of battle against the Philistines. David offers up a lamentation over Saul and Jonathan. David remembers the times when Saul and Jonathan were knit together, their pleasantness together. This picture of a father and son, bold, brave, fearless together, a dutiful son and a loving father is lovely! They kept close together and died together in the same cause! This David says in spite of the very real conflict that had occurred between him and Saul and even between Saul and Jonathan his son in their past.

Read I Sam. 20:30-34. Vs. 30 “Then Saul’s _____ was kindled against _____ ... vs. 33 And _____ cast a _____ at him (Jonathan) to _____ him...” vs. 34 “So Jonathan arose from the table in _____...” Yes of these two David remembers how lovely and pleasant their lives together were.

In Ez. 33:32 we read “And, lo, thou art unto them as a very _____ song of one that hath a _____ voice...”

God is here rebuking Israel for their hypocrisy. He is charging them with an outward show of listening to Ezekiel as one who had a lovely and pleasant voice but their hearts were untouched.

In these 2 places we see the word lovely and pleasant together.

There should be nothing more lovely and pleasant to the believer than the things of the Lord. They should be our delight, our meditation, filling our minds.

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The sixth thing listed to think on is:

Things of good report.

When looking for men to manage the business dealings in Israel, the 12 disciples looked for men in Acts 6:3 that had, "Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of _____"

In Acts 10:22 Cornelius had a "... _____ among all the nation of the Jews..."

In Acts 22:12 it was said of Ananias that he "...having a _____ of all the Jews..."

A good report in these verses is referring to having a godly walk! Our minds should think on things that are in keeping with godliness. If a thought enters our mind that falls short of being godly, dismiss it. Paul says in II Cor. 10:5 "Casting down _____ and every high thing that exalteth itself _____ the _____ of _____, and bringing into _____ every _____ to the _____ of _____."

"We need to be vigilant, watchful, examining our thoughts. Do they reflect things that are of a "good report"? Are they in agreement with what God wants?"

The seventh thing God wants us to think on are things that have virtue.

Things that have virtue.

God puts a high value on virtue.

Prov. 12:4 "A _____ woman is a _____ to her husband..."

Prov. 31:10 "Who can find a _____ woman? For her _____ is _____ above _____."

We see that virtue is that which flows from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 6:19 "...for there went _____ out of him, and healed them all."

Luke 8:46 "...for I perceive that _____ is gone out of me."

Mark 5:30 "And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that _____ had gone out of him..."

Virtue flows from the Lord! I think we can be safe in saying that thoughts that are in keeping with that which flows from Christ are to fill our mind.

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The eighth thing to think on is:

Things that are praise worthy.

Things to be extolled spoken well of. There is nothing to be praised in evil thoughts! As believers we are to be spiritually minded. Rom. 8:6 "...but to be _____ minded is _____ and _____."

Spiritually minded is to have minds set on "the things of the Spirit," Rom. 8:5. Minds occupied with things that please the Lord are praise worthy!

God knows the importance of our minds. No one commits sin without first contemplating it in his mind.

Prov. 23:7 "For as a man _____ in his _____, so is he..."

Rom. 12:1 & 2 tells us what will transform our lives "...but be ye transformed by the _____ of your _____..."

When our minds think on the things of Phil. 4:8 they will be renewed, transforming our lives.

- Our thoughts produce fruit.

Jer. 6:19 "Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the _____ of their _____..."

- Our thoughts effect our emotions.

Dan. 5:6 "Then the kings countenance was changed, and his _____ him, so that the joints of his _____ were _____, and his _____ smote one against another."

Is. 26:3 "Thou wilt keep him in perfect _____, whose _____ is stayed on thee..."

Have your thoughts ever brought about physical distress?? Or have your thoughts brought the peace of God into your heart?

Our verse in Phil. 4:8 comes right after Paul tells the saints to pray about everything in vs. 6 & 7. And what does Paul say God's answer to their prayers will be?

Phil. 4:7 "And the _____ of _____, which passeth all understanding, shall _____ your _____ and _____ through Christ Jesus."

Then Paul says right after our verse in Phil. 4:8 that as these saints think on the these things that: vs. 9 "...the God of _____ shall be with you."

When we think on all the things of Phil. 4:8, peace will indeed reign in our hearts!