

THE SECRET OF A “GUIDED” THOUGHT LIFE (Philippians 4:8-9)

I. CONFLICT IN THE LOCAL CHURCH (4:1-3)

II. THE PREREQUISITES OF INNER PEACE (4:4-7)

- A. The believer in Christ is _____ to “rejoice” (*pres/act/imper*), this is to be an integral part of one’s _____ to the Lord in good times and bad times. (4:4a)
- B. The apostle set forth the remedy to an anxious heart in four ways...
1. *by* _____
 2. *and* _____
 3. *with* _____
 4. *let your* _____ *be made known to God.*

III. WITH THE BETTER CHOICE COMES A PEACE OF MIND (4:8-9)

- A. After rejoicing and praying the believer is commanded at the end of v. 8 to _____ (*logizomai*) on the proper things in your Christian life.
1. This verb is in the *present* tense, this is to be your _____, _____ responsibility.
 2. *Logizomai* is in the *middle* voice, which means that _____ are intensely _____ in the outcome of this action.
 3. It is in the *imperative* mood, this is God’s perfect _____ for you, and it is _____ optional.
 4. This verb *logizomai* is also in the *plural*; _____ believer is _____ from this command.
- B. The Apostle set forth six examples of righteous thinking, and each one is introduced with the adjective, “*whatever*.” (4:8)
1. *whatever things are* _____ (*alethes*) meaning...

2. *whatever things are* _____ (*semnos*) meaning...
3. *whatever things are* _____ (*dikaios*) meaning...
4. *whatever things are* _____ (*hagnos*) meaning...
5. *whatever things are* _____ (*prospiles*) meaning...
6. *whatever things are of* _____ _____ (*euphemos*) meaning...

Principle to remember:

If the “thought” has *virtue* it will _____ you on to godly living; if it has *praise*, it is worth _____ to others.

C. The word “*things*” in v. 9 involves more than just _____, it infers Paul’s _____, his own personal _____ before others. (4:9a)

1. *The things which you* _____
2. *The things which you* _____
3. *The things which you* _____
4. *The things which you* _____ *in me*...
5. Once again Paul gave an antidote to anxiety by commanding each and every one of us to “_____” (*pres/act/imper/plural*) all of the above, and the promise... “*the _____ of peace will be with you.*” (4:9b)

* How can you apply these truths in your own life?