

# Philippians

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### The concluding summary of (8) mandates...4:8-9

To whom is this concluding admonition addressed? 4:8 Comment??

**It's addressed to 'brothers', believers only. Believers alone have the capacity for this.**

Why does Paul conclude with 'think about...'? Prov.23:7; Mk.7:20-23; Rom.12:1-2; 2:14-15

**Because our actions, how we live, what we do/say, comes from our minds/heart.**

Why, then, is it so critically important to know Biblical truth (vs emotion)? Ps.119:11; Eph.6:14

**Right living/standing firm is the product of assimilation of God's truth. There is truth!**

What is 'the lie' about the truth? Prov.16:2, 25; Gen.3:1-5

**The (Satanic) lie is that truth is situational and you determine what's true. Self justified.**

Is this a problem in our world today? How about in our churches? IJn.4:1; IICor.11:12-15

What's the first thing Paul tells us to put into our minds? 4:8; 'alethes'=not concealing; Ps.119

**Whatever is true. Primarily spiritual truth, Jn.17:17. Read, analyze, meditate on Scripture**

What's the second thing? 4:8; 'Semnos'=revered, honorable; ITim.3:8, 11; 2:2

**Whatever is dignified, revered, honorable. Contrast to trivial, worldly. Focus on heavenly.**

What's the third thing? 4:8; 'Dikaios'=righteous. Rom.3:10 -> 5:19

**Whatever is righteous. That is whatever is consistent with the Word of God.**

What's the fourth thing? 4:8; 'Hagnos'=innocent, pure (morally). Eph.5:8-12

**Whatever is morally pure, decent, or innocent. Exact opposite of our culture today!**

What's the fifth thing? 4:8; 'Prospheiles'=acceptable, lovely; see IISam.9:1

**Whatever is gracious, generous, sweet before God. Thinking how to be a gracious person.**

What's the sixth thing? 4:8; 'Euphemos'=well thought of (by God)

**Whatever is of good repute, that is the highest, well regarded, things. Think on them!**

What's the seventh thing? 4:8; 'Areee'=praise, virtue; IIPet.1:5

**Whatever is of praise, virtuous. This has to do with praise of Him, our Lord and Savior.**

What's the eighth thing? 4:8; 'Epainos'=praiseworthy; Eph.1:6

**Whatever is worthy to be praised. The essence of God, righteousness, uplifting.**

How does Paul now move this from 'thinking' to 'doing'? 4:9; James 1:22; Lu.8:21

**Whatever you've learned or received or heard from me, put it into practice! Do it!**

And what will be the result when you do this? 4:9b; Mt.28:20

**The God of Peace will be with you! What greater motivation could there be?**

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