Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Philippians 4:9 (NLT)

Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me - everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT)

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

What we THINK Matters

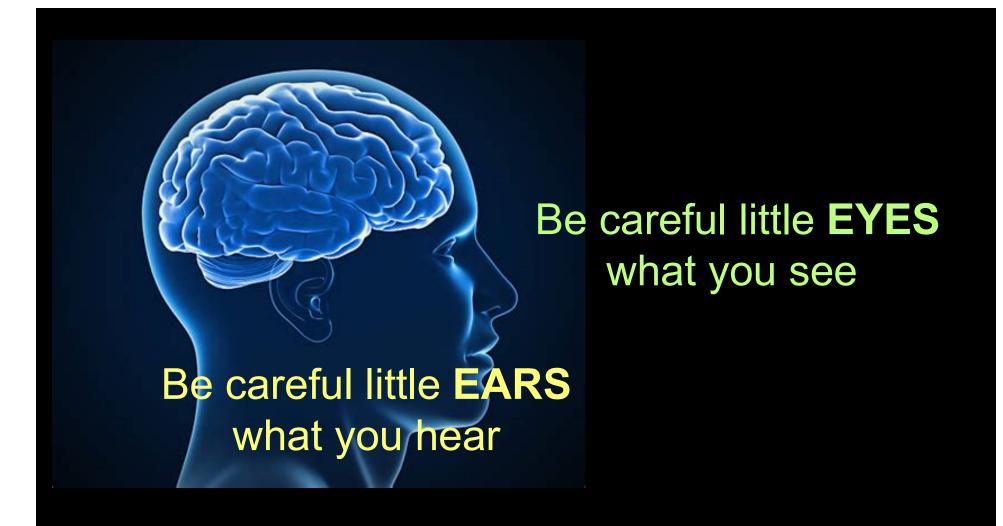
(and it matters **MORE** than we **Think**)

Philippians 4:8-9

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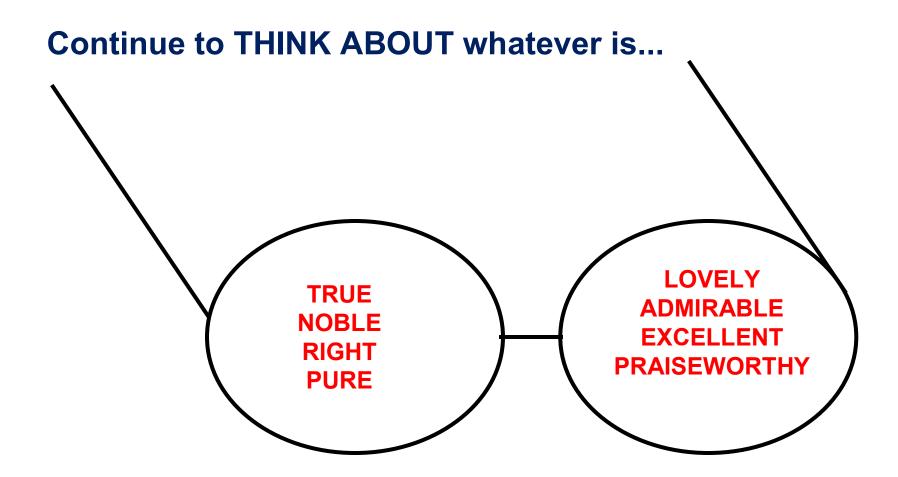




WHY? The things we TAKE IN become a part of our Thoughts and Memories

RENEW

Our thoughts SHAPE our WORDS and our ACTIONS



Philippians 4:7 (NIV)
...the peace of God,
which transcends all understanding,
will GUARD your hearts
and your MINDS in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:5 (NIV)

Those who <u>live according to the sinful nature</u> have their **MINDS SET** on what that **nature DESIRES**...

Romans 8:5 (NIV)

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their MINDS SET on what the Spirit desires.

is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable.

Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. (NLT)



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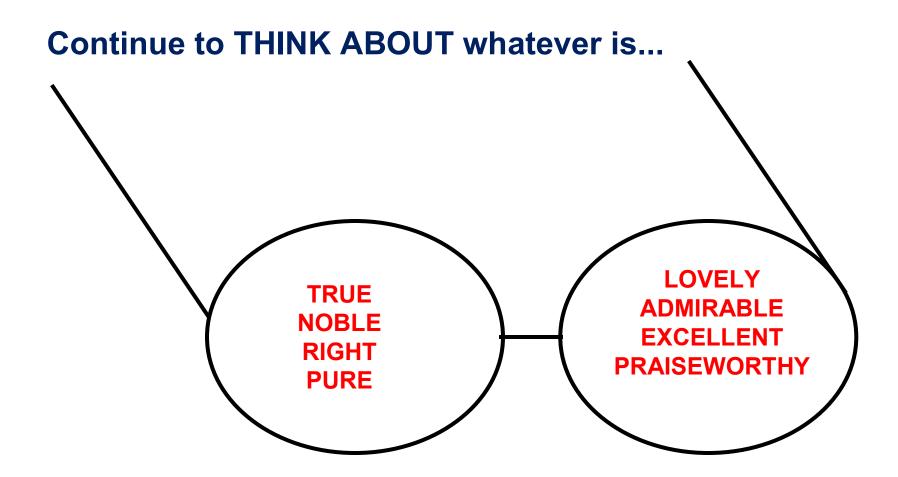
BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Do not **CONFORM** any **longer**to the **pattern** of this **world...**

² Don't let the world around you SQUEEZE you into its own MOLD... (JBP) Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Do not CONFORM any longer to the pattern of this world, but be Transformed by the RENEWING of your MIND...



➤ is a Call to LIVE Everyday AS a Living Sacrifice

Rom.12:1 (NIV) ...I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship.

> will always involve a **BATTLE**

2 Cor. 10:5 (NIV) ...we take captive every thought to make it OBEDIENT to Christ.

is a **SUPERNATURAL** WORK of the Holy Spirit

Philip. 2:12-13 (NLT) ... Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working IN YOU, giving you the DESIRE and the POWER to DO what pleases Him.

is always about my RELATIONSHIP with Jesus

1 John 1:7 (NIV) But if we walk in the light, as HE is in the light, we have FELLOWSHIP with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Through God's Word our Minds are...

INFORMED - we learn about **God** and **ourselves**

-then-

TRANSFORMED - we become **more** like Jesus as we **Obey** and **Surrender** daily to **Him**

God will completely change our
THINKING and our BEHAVIOR
if we will cooperate by wholeheartedly
moment by moment by
SUBMITTING to and OBEYING
His WORD.

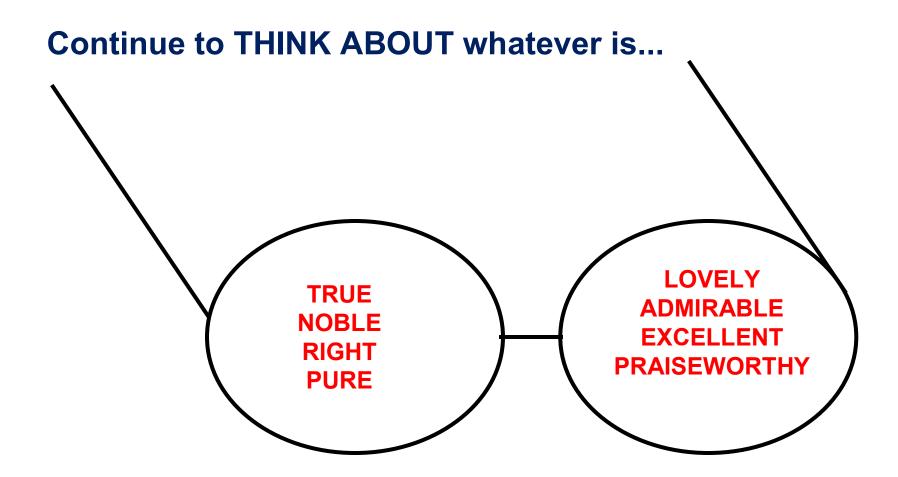
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In the early days of the church before the NT was written or widely circulated, the standards of Christian BELIEF and BEHAVIOR were largely taught by being LIVED OUT in the WORDS and EXAMPLE of the apostles and church leaders.

Hebrews 13:7 (NIV)

Remember your leaders, who spoke the **WORD** of **God** to you.

Consider the outcome of their way of life and IMITATE their faith.



Right living COMES from right thinking. If a person's thought-life is pure, then his life will be pure. On the other hand, if a person's MIND is a fountain of corruption, then you can be sure that the stream that issues from it will be filthy also.

Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV)

Search me, O God,

and know my HEART; test me

and know my ANXIOUS thoughts.

24 See if there is any OFFENSIVE

way in me, and lead me

in THE WAY everlasting.