→Scripture Reading Phil. 4:4-9

INTRODUCTION

→Garbage In - Garbage OUT

→Little Eyes and Ears x2

What we allow to FILL our Minds WILL sooner or later have an Impact on our Words and Actions

THINKING Worthy Thoughts ~ Philippians 4:8

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God does not Guard the thought-life of a person who does not want it to be kept pure. MacDonald

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IMPLICATION

^{4:7}...the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will Guard your hearts and your Minds IN Christ Jesus. (NIV)

Romans 8:5 (NIV) Those who <u>live according to the sinful nature</u> have their MINDS SET on what that nature DESIRES...

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^{4:8}...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. (NLT)

It will require that be TRANSFORMED

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...

RENEWING OUR MINDS... Ingram

is a Call to Everyday 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

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

➢ is a 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 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 wholeheartedly moment by moment BY Submitting to and Obeying His WORD. c Ingram

DOING Worthy Deeds ~ Philippians 4:9

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on these things and then allow them to shape your conduct... HNT

⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into PRACTICE. And the God of peace will be with you.

In the early days of the church before the N.T. 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. Expositors

IMPLICATION

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.

Paul said you heard me - and you've watched me - now you need to

IMPLICATION

^{4:6} Don't WORRY over anything whatever; TELL God every detail of your needs in earnest and thankful prayer ⁷ and the **Peace OF God** which transcends human understanding, will keep constant GUARD over your hearts and minds as they Rest IN Christ Jesus. (JBP)

^{4:8} Here is a last piece of advice. If you believe in goodness and if you value the approval of God, fix your minds on the things which are holy and right and pure and beautiful and good. ⁹ Model your conduct on what you have learned from me, on what I have told you and shown you, and you will find the **God OF Peace** will be with you. (JBP)

God's Peace and **His Presence** cannot be separated. They are one as His gift. And when His peace, firmly reigns in the church it will radiate the light of Christ to the surrounding world PTW

May the mind of Christ my Savior - Live in me from day to day, By His love and power controlling, - All I do and say

TAKE AWAY ??

→Glasses

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. MacDonald

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.

O be careful little HEART whom you TRUST O be careful little HEART whom you TRUST For the Father up above - Is looking down in love So, be careful little heart whom you trust

O be careful little MIND what you THINK O be careful little MIND what you THINK For the Father up above - Is looking down in love So, be careful little mind what you THINK

O be careful little HANDS what you DO O be careful little HANDS what you DO For the Father up above - Is looking down in love So, be careful little hands what you do.