

Think Right, Then Do Right  
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Philippians 4:8-9

## Introduction

- You \_\_\_\_\_ what you \_\_\_\_\_ and you \_\_\_\_\_ what you \_\_\_\_\_ because you \_\_\_\_\_ what you \_\_\_\_\_.
- All \_\_\_\_\_ begins in our thoughts.

## Two Commands

- ❶ We are commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ biblically (v. 8).

### Six Qualities that Should Characterize Our Thought Life

Whatever is...

- **True.** *valid, reliable, honest*
  - Whatever is \_\_\_\_\_ as opposed to whatever is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Whatever is \_\_\_\_\_ as opposed to whatever is \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Noble.** *serious, of good character, honorable, worthy, respectable*
- **Right.** *righteous, righteousness*
- **Pure.** *holy, innocent, chaste*
- **Lovely.** *toward love*
- **Admirable.** *searching for the good rather than the bad*

Two ways to violate this characteristic:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- An \_\_\_\_\_ that is overly or exclusively negative

### Application #1

- If at any point a thought cannot pass through a \_\_\_\_\_ from this text, then it must not be allowed to remain in our heads (2 Cor. 10:5).
- ❷ We are commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ biblically (v. 9).

- \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts produce \_\_\_\_\_ living, just as \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts produce \_\_\_\_\_ living.

### Application #2

- Emulate \_\_\_\_\_ who think and act biblically.

### Application #3

- Evaluate your consumption of popular \_\_\_\_\_.

## Discussion Questions

1. What types of incredible things is the brain capable of?
2. Why is it important to focus our minds on virtuous things?
3. What is required in training our minds to think biblically?
4. How does one's thoughts impact their deeds and emotions?
5. What implications does Phil. 4:8 have for a Christian's attitude toward popular media—music, TV, movies, literature?
6. Which of the virtues in Phil. 4:8 do you need to cultivate most?