

Renewing Our Mind

Philippians 4:8-9 ⁸Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on (ponder, think about, fix thoughts on) these things. ⁹The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

- Whatever things are **true**
 - *Althes* – that which is factually true in contrast to that which is false.
 - The Bible is God’s revealed truth and I will dwell on God’s Word and anything else that is true.
- Whatever things are **noble** (honorable)
 - *Semnos* – worthy of respect & reverence; dignified; reverent; lofty
 - Comes from a term meaning to worship, thus whatever is worthy of awe, held in high regard, whatever is worthy of adoration.
- Whatever things are **just** (right)
 - *Dikaios* - righteous
 - Things that have the stamp of God on it; things that reflect the qualities and standards of God.
- Whatever things are **pure**
 - *Hagnos* – morally clean & undefiled; chaste; uncontaminated by sin.
 - Comes from a root word meaning holy. Morally pure and morally clean.
- Whatever things are **lovely**
 - *Prospiles* – pleasing, beautiful, acceptable; agreeable
 - Producing harmony in relationships rather than strife
- Whatever things are of **good report**
 - *Euphemos* – well-spoken of, well thought of, reputable, highly regarded.
 - Our thoughts are to produce words that affirm and edify others and not tear others down (mind & mouth).
- Things that have **virtue** (excellence)
 - *Arete* – moral excellence
 - Moral excellence in harmony with God’s word
- Things that are **praiseworthy**
 - *Epainos* – praise
 - Things which are commendable because of their harmony with God’s word.