

### Do you think with your mind or mindlessly think? (Part 3)

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- **PROPOSITION:** In Philippians 4:1—9 Paul teaches us the \_\_\_\_\_ so that we will not lose our footing during shaky times.

- 1) Stand Firm by viewing others rightly (1)
- 2) Stand Firm by living in harmony (2—3)
- 3) Stand Firm by rejoicing continually (4)
- 4) Stand Firm by manifesting gentleness (5)
- 5) Stand Firm by continual prayer (5b—7)

- 6) Stand Firm by \_\_\_\_\_ (8)

- 1) A Mind Consumed with thoughts that are True.
- 2) A Mind Consumed with thoughts that are Noble.
- 3) A Mind Consumed with thoughts that are Just.
- 4) A Mind Consumed with thoughts that are Pure.

- 5) A Mind Consumed with thoughts that are \_\_\_\_\_.

- This word is used only \_\_\_\_\_ time in the NT.
- Synonyms:
- Antonyms:

☞ F.F. Bruce, "...by their intrinsic attractiveness and agreeableness. They give pleasure to all and cause distaste to none, like a welcome fragrance."

- 6) A Mind Consumed with thoughts that are \_\_\_\_\_.

- This word is used only \_\_\_\_\_ time in the NT.
- Synonyms:
- Antonyms:

☞ "It is used of expressing what is kind and likely to win people, and avoiding what is likely to give offense."

The last two characteristics are nouns, whereas the previous 6 are adjectives. Are these two nouns summarizing the prior 6? Or do the last two nouns qualify the prior 6?

7) A Mind Consumed with thoughts that are \_\_\_\_\_.

- This word is used \_\_\_\_\_ times in the NT.
- X-refs:

8) A Mind Consumed with thoughts that are \_\_\_\_\_.

- X-refs:

☞ Barclay, "In one sense it is true that the Christian never thinks of the praise of men, but in another sense it is true that every good man is uplifted by the praise of good men. So Paul says that the Christian will live in such a way that he will neither conceitedly desire nor foolishly despise the praise of men."

## **APPLICATION**

What are some additional thoughts and/or application from this morning's lesson? What does this passage teach you about how thinking and actions relate to one another? What is a wrong pattern of thinking that you must put off? What is a right pattern of thinking that you must put on? What must you do to change?

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***This week's Bible Reading:***

<b><i>Sunday, July 4:</i></b> 2 Chron 18:1-20:30 Acts 4:23-5:11	<b><i>Monday, July 5:</i></b> 2 Chron 20:31-23:21 Acts 5:12-25	<b><i>Tuesday, July 6:</i></b> 2 Chron 24:1-25:28 Acts 5:26-6:7	<b><i>Wednesday, July 7:</i></b> 2 Chron 26:1-28:27 Acts 6:8-7:16
<b><i>Thursday, July 8:</i></b> 2 Chron 29:1-31:1 Acts 7:17-41	<b><i>Friday, July 9:</i></b> 2 Chron 31:2-33:20 Acts 7:42-8:3	<b><i>Saturday, July 10:</i></b> 2 Chron 33:21-36:1 Acts 8:4-25	<b><i>Sunday, July 11:</i></b> 2 Chron 36:2-Ezra 1:11 Acts 8:26-9:9