

THINK!

Philippians 4:8

I. Finally – vs. 8a

Loipos – the rest of; remaining; finally

Philippians 4:1

II. Think – vs. 8c

Logízomai – to count; to reckon; to reason about; to ponder;
to keep a mental record of something

Romans 2:3

Romans 3:27-28

Proverbs 23:7

Acts 17:11

Isaiah 1:18

Psalms 32:9

"If there is a religion in the world which exalts the office of teaching, it is safe to say that it is the religion of Jesus Christ. It has been frequently remarked that in pagan religions the doctrinal element is at a minimum. The chief thing there is the performance of a ritual. But this is precisely where Christianity distinguishes itself from other religions, it does contain doctrine. It comes to men with definite positive teaching. It claims to be the truth. It bases religion on knowledge though a knowledge which is only obtainable under moral conditions. A religion divorced from earnest and lofty thought has always down through the whole history of the church tended to become weak, jejune and unwholesome while the intellect deprived of its rights within religion has sought its satisfaction without and developed into godless rationalism," – *James Orr*

Romans 1:28

2 Corinthians 4:4

Ephesians 4:17-18

Matthew 13:19

1 Peter 3:15

Romans 10:17

1 Corinthians 2:14

John 4:24

Luke 10:27

"Faith according to our Lord's teaching in this paragraph is primarily thinking. And the whole trouble with a man of little faith is that he doesn't think. He allows circumstances to bludgeon him. We must spend more time in studying our Lord's lessons in observation and deduction. The Bible...he says...is full of logic and we must never think of faith as something purely mystical. We do not just sit down in an arm-chair and expect marvelous things to happen to us. This is not Christian faith. Christian faith is essentially thinking. Look at the birds. Think about them and draw your deductions. Look at the grass. Look at the lilies of the field. Consider them. Faith, if you like, can be defined like this, it is a man insisting upon thinking when everything seems determined to bludgeon and knock him down in an intellectual sense. The trouble with the person of little faith is that instead of controlling his own thought, his thought is being controlled by something else. And as we put it, he goes round and round in circles. That is the essence of worry." Now get this. "That is not thought, that is the absence of thought," – *Martin Lloyd-Jones*

Romans 8:5-6

1 Corinthians 1:30

Psalms 92:5

Colossians 3:10

Romans 12:1-2

Ephesians 4:23

III. About Whatever Things Are..... vs. 8b

a. True

Alēthēs – true

John 17:17

Psalm 19:9

Psalm 119:151

b. Noble

Semnós – worthy of respect; honorable; noble

c. Right

Díkaios – proper; righteous; just

Matthew 25:46

Mark 6:20

1 Peter 3:18

d. Pure

Hagnós – pure; holy

2 Corinthians 11:2

James 3:17

e. Lovely

Prosphiles – pleasing

f. Admirable

Euphemos – commendable; worthy of praise

g. Excellent

areté - virtue; moral goodness

1 Peter 2:9

h. Praiseworthy

Épainos – approval; praise

Ephesians 1:12-14

Closing Thought: Christianity requires the use of our minds. We must think, in order to be saved and in order to live out our faith. Stop going on auto-pilot and THINK!!!!!!