

THINKING BIBLICALLY

Philippians 4:8

"Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."



Run your thoughts through the filter of Scripture. Do your thoughts conform to God's command?



Is there anything excellent or praiseworthy? Think about these things!



If so, now I can think on the right thing!



My thoughts

Name your specific thought. Example: "I can't live this way anymore!" or "Why can't he just respect me?" or "I'll always be stuck in this situation."



Whatever is:

True (Ephesians 1:1 & 2:8-10, Job 42:2)

- True about God, self, godly worldview, real

Honorable (Revelation 4:11, Hebrews 12:14, Romans 12:1)

- Accurate view of God and His holiness, God's moral character, high thoughts

Just (Romans 5:5 & 6:16, Psalm 19:14, Micah 6:8)

- God is righteous, God's commands are right; thoughts of justice, mercy, and humility

Pure (Psalm 86:11 & 19:14, John 5:19, Matthew 23:25-26)

- Authentic, 100% pure and devoted to the Lord

Lovely (Psalm 27:4, Exodus 34:6-7, Psalm 8, Matthew 27:45-56)

- God's beauty revealed in His nature and creation, the cross and Jesus' sacrifice

Commendable (1 Corinthians 11:1, Matthew 22:37-39)

- Love and imitate Christ's admirable qualities, thoughts that are worthy of being thought