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DAY 4 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

THINK ON THESE THINGS

Rev. Anthony Marcus

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

This affectionate endearing letter to the believers at Philippi expressed Paul's heartfelt gratitude for their financial support. We see this affection clearly in Philippians 1:3 "I thank God every time I remember you." The following line is more expressive of this heartfelt gratitude, "In all my prayers for all of you I always pray with joy."

The Philippian church was exemplary, but not perfect. Paul knew that you cannot expect perfect behavior from imperfect people. One source noted that the believers in this church were torn between the thinking of two very influential members, Euodia and Syntyche. In Chapter 4 verse 2, Paul exhorted the Philippians to be of the same mind in the Lord. This is also an exhortation to think about what we think about. Paul suggested eight powerful ideas/experiences that are thought-provoking, eye-catching, heart-warming, and character-building. He was familiar with the proverbial axiom in their wisdom literature: Whatsoever a man thinketh in his heart, so is he (Proverbs 23:7).

Note that in this axiom, thinking is more than just brain activity. We become what we think about.

Here are a small number of “Whatever is true!” that may occur to modern believers: Everybody needs love! Everything that’s good to you ain’t necessarily good for you! Some of the most intelligent people in the world are self-taught!

“Whatever is lovely!” Sunrises and sunsets, especially above oceans and lakes where the water mirrors the sun’s brilliance...A well-planned wedding ceremony...A well-set dinner table with beautiful China dinnerware, attractive serving dishes, and pleasant aromas from delicious, perfectly seasoned food filling the room...Children playing and gladly sharing toys.

“Whatever is admirable!” A well-organized person...Charities that help the poor and finance the education of young people who love to learn...Citizens gifted at making seniors feel valued.

These could serve as examples of such things to think about for believers at Philippi and for post-modern believers, as well. I’m confident that both groups think on such things. However, thinking on these things may not come to mind when influential church members disagree, so let the unity of Christ guide our minds.

Prayer:

Lord God bless those good things that believers think about; binding us together as a fellowship of kindred minds liken to that above. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.