

Questions for Consideration—*With the Master In Fullness of Joy*

Lesson 23 — What Are You Thinking? — Philippians 4:8, 9

1. Read Philippians chapter four and list all the contrast statements. (*Hint—they will begin with the word but.*)
2. Memorize Philippians 4:8. (*If you have not been memorizing thus far, this is an excellent verse to have in your heart and mind!*)
3. (a) What do the following verses say about one's thought life: Psalm 10:4; Psalm 94:11; Psalm 139:2; Proverb 12:5; Proverb 16:3; Proverb 23:7; Isaiah 55:7-9; Mark 7:21; I Corinthians 13:5; II Corinthians 10:5; Galatians 6:3; Hebrews 4:12? (b) Write a summary statement of what you have just learned.
4. Paul says in Philippians 4:9 that *if* they do certain things, that the God of peace will be with them. What else is promised from the God of peace according to the following verses: Romans 16:20; I Corinthians 14:33; II Corinthians 13:11; I Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:20, 21?
5. How does Psalm 19:7-11 correlate with Philippians 4:8?
6. (a) Find an example in Scripture where Paul (or someone else) lived out (practiced) what he preached. (b) What can you learn from this? (c) Why is it important that we live out what we teach?
7. (a) Evaluate your thought life this week. (b) What did you discover about the way you think, or what you think about? (c) What did you discover about yourself?
8. (a) Do you experience the peace of God? (b) What might need to change in order for God's peace to fill your heart and mind?
9. (a) Which is the most difficult aspect of your thought life—thinking things that are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, or good report? (b) How can we as believers in Jesus Christ change the way we think?
- 10.10. After carefully considering questions 7, 8, and 9, how can we pray for you?