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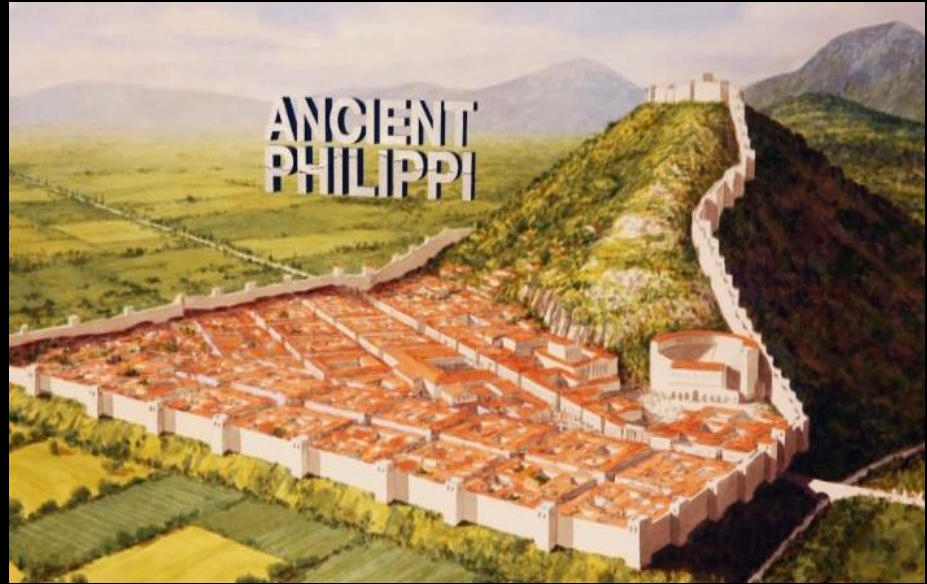
Philippians 4:8

“Think on these things”

Think

on these things:
whatever is TRUE
whatever is HONEST
whatever is JUST
whatever is PURE
whatever is LOVELY
whatever is a good report
whatever is Virtuous
whatever is praiseworthy
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Church at Philippi



Paul's Main Message in this Letter?

Actively Follow the Example of Jesus!!

Chapter 1, Verse 27: “Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ . . .”

Two Examples (Living out the Example of Christ)

Timothy (Chapter 2, Starting in Verse 19)

“Faithfully serves in the Gospel of Christ”

Epaphroditus (Chapter 2, Verse 29 & 30)

“So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him. Because he almost died for the work of Christ . . .”

Chapter 4

Be Living Expressions of Jesus with your Mind & Thoughts!

“Christian Thought Life”

Trouble Areas in Philippi (Mind/Thoughts):

Conflict – Euodia & Syntyche (Chapter 4, Verse 2)

“I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.”

Anxiety of the Believers (Chapter 4, Verse 6 & 7)

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

What are we to think on?

Chapter 4, Verse 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.”

“Lovely”

Greek Word “Prospiles”

“Toward”

“Love” (Phileo)

To think upon things that push us towards God’s Heart & God’s Nature.

Questions of Application:

What are the types of things that I am letting into my mind?

In the past week, considering the things that occupied my mind, have they pressed me closer to Christ?

How can I more readily saturate my mind with Scripture?

Is my definition of “lovely” more aligned with society’s definition or the Biblical definition?