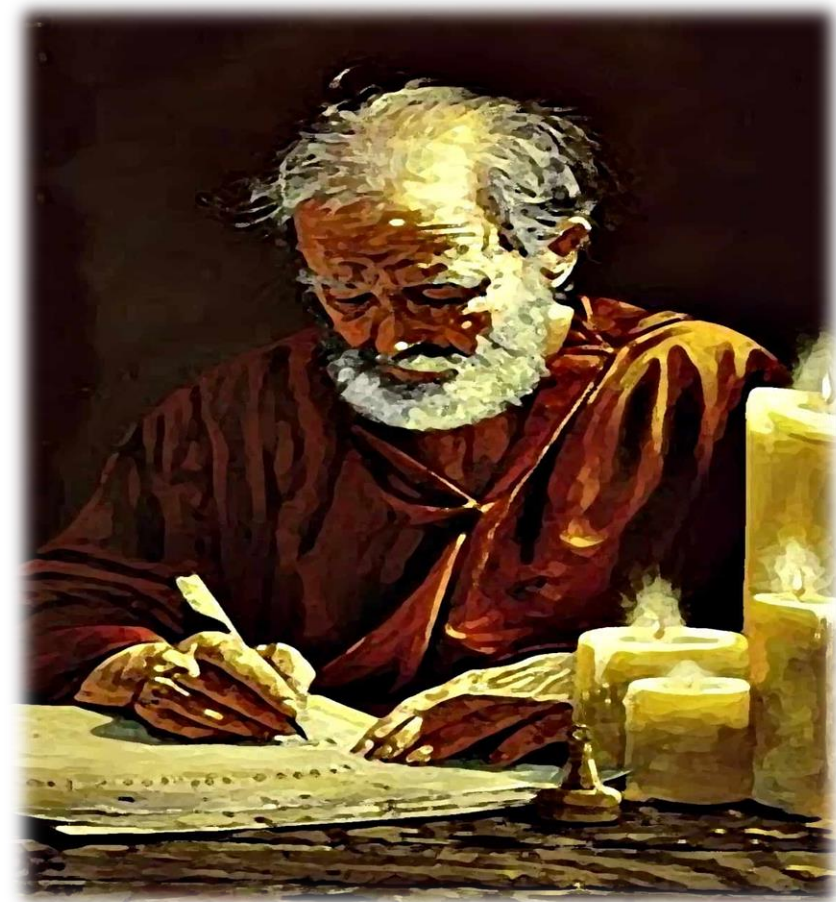


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Outline: Christian Mindset

1. Single Mind (1:27)
2. Submissive Mind (2:2, 5, 8)
3. Spiritual Mind (3:3, 7-16, 20-21) [Earthly mind – 3:18-19]
4. Secure Mind (4:7-8) [Strong mind – 4:1, 13]

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(KJV) Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, **whatsoever things are of good report**; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

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(BBE) For the rest, my brothers, whatever things are true, whatever things have honour, whatever things are upright, whatever things are holy, whatever things are beautiful, **whatever things are of value**, if there is any virtue and if there is any praise, give thought to these things.

(BSB) Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, **whatever is admirable**—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think on these things.

(CEV) Finally, my friends, keep your minds on whatever is true, pure, right, holy, friendly, and **proper**. Don't ever stop thinking about what is truly worthwhile and worthy of praise.

(Darby) For the rest, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are noble, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are amiable, **whatsoever things are of good report**; if there be any virtue and if any praise, think on these things.

(ESV) 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.

(Weymouth) Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever wins respect, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovable, **whatever is of good repute**--if there is any virtue or anything deemed worthy of praise--cherish the thought of these things.

(Williams) Now, brothers, practice thinking on what is true, what is honorable, what is right, what is pure, what is lovable, **what is high-toned**, yes, on everything that is excellent or praiseworthy.

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- **Good report**

- **euphēmos** [εὐφημος] [yoo'-fay-mos]

- Used only here in the NT
- **Mounce:** of good omen, auspicious; hence, of good report, commendable, laudable, reputable
- **Strong's:** well spoken of, that is, reputable
- **Thayer's:** 1) sounding well; 2) uttering words of good omen, speaking auspiciously

- **Whatsoever things are of good report**
- **Whatever things are of value**
- **Whatever is admirable**
- **Proper**
- **Whatever is commendable**
- **Whatever is of good repute**
- **What is high-toned**
- **What is positive and constructive rather than negative and destructive [Robert P Lightner]**

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Extreme: Seeking Only Human Approval

Dangers:

- Leads to hypocrisy (Matthew 6:1-2)
- Promotes compromise of godly values (Galatians 1:10)
- Causes anxiety and insecurity due to fluctuating opinions of people (Proverbs 29:25)

Balanced: Pleasing God While Maintaining a Good Testimony

- Lord Jesus Christ as Our Model (Lk.2:52)
- Paul's Teaching (Romans 12:17; Philippians 2:15)

Extreme: Ignoring Human Perception Completely

Dangers:

- Arrogance and lack of accountability (Proverbs 12:15)
- A poor testimony before unbelievers (1 Peter 2:12)
- Unnecessary offense that hinders the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

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• Requirement

- Renewing the Mind (2:5)
- Spiritual Discernment (1:9-10)

2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

1:9-10 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,

• Cost

- Opposition from the World (1:29)
- Self-Denial & Sacrificial Living (2:3-5)
- Being Set Apart & Misunderstood (2:15-16)

1:29 For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

2:3-5 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. [Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.]

2:15-16 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

• Reward

- The Peace of God (4:7)
- The Joy of Christ (4:4)
- The Prize of the High Calling (3:14, 20-21)

4:7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

3:14, 20-21 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

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- **Think on what is commendable before God and men.**
- **Let us reflect Christ Jesus in all areas of our life – personal, family, church, and society.**
- **Be willing to pay the cost for a life that honors God.**
- **Remember, the eternal reward awaits at Christ's return.**

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(REV. 5:13)**