

MEMORY VERSES

Philippians 1:6-12: ⁶“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ: ⁷Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace. ⁸For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. ⁹“And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment; ¹⁰That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; ¹¹Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. ¹²But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel.”

Philippians 1:20&21: ²⁰“According to my earnest expectation and *my* hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but *that* with all boldness, as always, *so* now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether *it be* by life, or by death. ²¹For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.”

Philippians 4:6-9: ⁶“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, 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. ⁹Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.”

Romans 8:1-6: ¹*There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: ⁴That the

righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ⁵For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.”

Galatians 5:16-18: ¹⁶*This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. ¹⁸But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.”

CHARACTER: WHO YOU ARE INSIDE in CHRIST

ETHICS: WHAT YOU ARE OUTSIDE in CHRIST

A. Fallacies regarding character and ethics

1. Fallacy of social isolation: that character is formed by isolating individuals from any contamination: home-church groups, Amish
2. Fallacy of social saturation: that character is formed by immersing individuals into contamination: neo-evangelicalism; Corinthian and Laodicean churches, public education of Christians
3. Fallacy of self-dependence: that character is formed by instituting rigid inner / outer discipline: legalism (Galatians 3:3-5)
4. Fallacy of self-importance: that character is formed by capitalizing upon one's strengths and denying one's infirmities

- a. Exhibiting strife and vainglory: Philippians 2:3; Galatians 5:26
- b. Looking at one's own things: Philippians 2:4
- c. Grasping reputation: Philippians 2:7; Galatians 2:2
- d. Despising humility: Philippians 2:8; III Joh 1:9, 10
- e. Performing one's own will: Philippians 2:13
- f. Murmuring / disputing about God's will: Philippians 2:14
- g. Caring for self: Philippians 2:20, 21
- h. Making little sacrifice for others: Philippians 2:27
- i. Seeking personal credit for ministry sacrifice: Philippians 2:30
- j. Trusting in the flesh: Philippians 3:3-6
- k. Resting upon personal gain: Philippians 3:7
- l. Boasting of past attainments, achievements: Philippians 3:12, 13
- m. Glorifying self and sin: Philippians 3:19
- n. Minding earthly things: Philippians 3:19
- o. Speaking in respect of want / desiring gifts: Philippians 4:11, 17

B. Fundamentals regarding character and ethics

1. Christian character utterly impossible apart from the life of God within the believer since old man cannot be perfected or sanctified

2. Christian character entirely normal and possible—albeit uncommon—through the life of God within the believer because new man can be empowered and manifested

3. Christian character truly God's life in the saint: Philippians 1:21; Galatians 2:20; Colossians 3:4-a; every believer's potential that new life in Christ may be manifest, evident, visible

4. Understanding of word *Christian* in the phrase *Christian character*, *Christian* a word that appears only three times in the Word of God; a word naming a specific sub-group among saints / believers
 - a. Acts 26:28: persuasion: life with precious creed
 - b. Acts 11:26: pursuit: life of pious conduct
 - c. I Peter 4:16: persecution: life with possible / probable cost
 Being Christian (adjective) along with being a Christian (noun)

5. Christian character and ethics dependent upon Scripture:
 - Philippians 1:7, 17, 27; 2:16, 22; 4:9
 - a. Living Word of God: John 6:63; Hebrews 4:12
 - b. Life-giving Word of God: John 5:24; I Peter 1:23
 - ★ Life from Scripture filling one's daily spiritual appetite

6. Christian character and ethics dependent upon the Saviour:
 - Philippians 1:11, 20, 21; 2:1, 3:7-9; 4:13¹⁻²
 - a. Resurrection life of Jesus Christ given at salvation
 - b. True application of abiding in Christ: John 15:4, 5
 - c. Divine balance of Romans 7:18 & Philemon^h 1:6
 Saint asking Christ to live his life in and through him; Galatians 2:20

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7. Christian character and ethics dependent upon the Holy Spirit:

Philippians 1:19, 27; 2:1

- a. Ascension life of Jesus Christ: John 16:7
- b. Filling of Holy Spirit: Ephesians 5:18; Romans 8:1-5
 - (1) Awakening to the Spirit's filling: Ephesians 5:18 1 mp.
 - (2) Aching for the Spirit's: John 7:37-39
 - (3) Asking for the Spirit's filling: Luke 11:13, active, not passive
*Please control me.
Do you want to control or be controlled.*

8. Christian character and ethics operational only in God's working:

Philippians 1:6

- a. Confidence: "Being confident..."
- * b. Conceiver: "...he...": what he does in me, not what I do for him
II Corinthians 5:17
- * c. Commencement: "...hath begun a good work...": Christ's doings,
not my decisions II Chronicles 16:9; II Corinthians 12:9, 10
- d. Continuation: "which ^{IS WORKING} worketh in you": fellowship and fullness
of the Holy Spirit: 2:1; Hebrews 13:21
- e. Consummation: "...will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."
 - (1) No moral failure: disqualification
 - (2) No mental failure: disillusionment; burnout

*What is the
limiting ingredient
here?*

*God's will
found daily*

9. Christian character and ethics operational only in God's will:

Philippians 2:12, 13; Hebrews 13:20, 21

a. His will in you: "...God which worketh in you...to will..."

(1) Sovereign will over which only God has influence or control
(Acts 13:22, 36): time in history; lineage, heritage, parentage,
order, & siblings in family (saved/lost, spiritual/carnal); DNA;
soul qualities; talents (opportunity/limitation); formative events
(tragedy/prosperity); impacting people (wicked/wholesome);
length/quality of life; manner/time of death

(2) Salvation will into which whosoever will may enter

(a) Every living soul to be saved and come to knowledge of
truth: II Peter 3:9; I Timothy 2:3-5

(b) Every saint to have a spiritual gift: I Corinthians 12:4;
I Peter 4:10, 11

(3) Scripture will in which every saved soul either obeys or
disobeys, conforms or rebels, submits or fights

⦿ (a) Law: sovereign, unchangeable, unrepealable creation
decrees: not Moses' law; male & female; sowing & reaping

⦿ (b) Commandment: authoritative do's & don'ts; thou shalt's &
thou shalt not's backed by Lordship; based upon God's
absolute and unquestionable power

⦿ (c) Judgment: statements of right & wrong, good & evil; good
for a man not to sensually touch a woman

⦿ (d) Testimony: life stories of heroes & villains

Learning what God favors and what God disfavors

Q (e) Statute: appointed boundary statements; every tree except the tree of knowledge of good & evil; every game possessing boundary lines, rules, etc.

b. His will through you: "...and to do..."; specific will for the saved soul; undiscoverable by the sinner; available but not automatic to the believer; the beloved (Philippians 2:12, 13); the brethren (Romans 12:1, 2)

A (1) Finding specific will of God

(a) Purging of life: not conformed to world

(b) Presentation of life: pictured in presenting body

(c) Purifying of life: holy, acceptable, and renewed in mind

(d) Proving of life: knowing, not guessing

(2) Focusing upon specific will of God : Romans 1:10; I Corinthians 4:19; James 4:15; I Peter 4:2: making this a priority; Hebrews 12:2

(3) Fortifying for specific will of God: I Peter 2:15; 3:17; 4:19
Preparation for hardship, testing, injustice in his will

(4) Following the specific will of God: Philippians 2:12

(a) Compliance: "...always obeyed..." lifestyle habit of submissive obedience to God's design / desires

(b) Commitment: "...not...in presence only..." Not with eye service as men pleasers; servants of Christ; doing will of God from the heart

(c) Conduct: "...work out...salvation..." outward conduct that matches inward creed; outworking of that which is inside

(d) Conscience: "...fear and trembling..." reverence, fear of the Lord, clear (not hardened) conscience

(e) Consummation: Colossians 4:12 no varying to right or left; straight furrow with one's hand to the plow and not looking back; faithful to death (Revelation 2:10)

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c. His will for you: "...of his good pleasure."; satisfying will for the individual

1. Present satisfaction: Psalm 40:8 John 4:34; 6:38-40

2. Potential satisfaction

(a) Yet to come in abundance in earthly life: Romans 15:32; Hebrews 10:36

(b) Yet to come in adoption in eternal life: I John 2:17

Finding life by losing it; coming to love life by hating it; gaining all by giving all; having all by having nothing

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C. Furnishing for Christian character and ethics

1. Seven spiritual gifts: Romans 12:3-8; I Corinthians 12:4 (gifts under will of the Holy Spirit / Holy Ghost)

a. Prophecy

(1) exemplified in Peter the Apostle

-(2) primary quality: perception of sin # Later on, Peter was unable or unwilling to identify hypocrisy in himself.
Galatians 2:11-14

(3) Acts 5:1-11

b. Ministry

- (1) exemplified in Timothy and Epaphroditus
- (2) primary quality: freeing others to more important tasks
- (3) Philippians 2:19-22; 25-30

c. Teaching

- (1) exemplified in Luke
- (2) primary quality: attention to detail
- (3) Book of Acts

d. Exhortation

- (1) exemplified in Paul the Apostle
- (2) primary quality: motivation of others to spiritual potential
- (3) I Thessalonians 2:1-13

e. Giving

- (1) exemplified in Barnabas
- (2) primary quality: self-denial for meeting of others' needs
- (3) Acts 4:32-37

f. Ruling

- (1) exemplified in James the Apostle, pastor of Jerusalem church
- (2) primary quality: decisiveness, problem-solving
- (3) Acts 15:1-21

g. Mercy

- (1) exemplified in John the Apostle
- (2) primary quality: compassion toward others' burdens
- (3) John 19:26, 27; I John 3:14-18

2. One gift per saint providing supernatural ability in that one area, but commands to employ qualities of the others; (i.e. all saints commanded to prophesy, minister, teach, exhort, rule, give, and show mercy)

3. Not natural talent(s) musical / artistic talent; mechanical talent
knack for this or that; lost people have talent(s)

DO NOT COVER
OTHER COURSES
WILL COVER 4. Five spiritual offices: Ephesians 4:8-16; I Corinthians 12:5
(administrations under Lordship / Headship of Christ)

- a. Apostles: sent ones: missionaries
- b. Prophets: proclaimers of truth: revivalists
- c. Evangelists: soul-conscious, soul-seeking saints
- d. Pastors: shepherds of flocks
- e. Teachers: instructors: detailers

Not always an elected or appointed office in the church body; often simply the placement of "parts in the body"

SKIP NO 5. Innumerable spiritual results / fruits: I Corinthians 12:6
(operations under Fatherhood of God) Innumerable number of people with a gift in an innumerable number of churches in an innumerable number of opportunities with an innumerable number of sets of circumstances

EVIDENCE

RESULTS

D. Fruit of Christian character and ethics

1. Fruit of renewal by the Holy Spirit in saints (Galatians 5:22, 23; Romans 6:20-22, 7:4, 5; Titus 3:5-7): not present or possible in any lost person

a. Inward aspects of the fruit *PART OF YOUR CHARACTER: CHARACTER*

—(1) Love (God's affectionate benevolence); Romans 5:5

—(2) Joy (delight); Psalm 51:12

—(3) Peace (quietness in any circumstance); Ephesians 4:3

(4) Evidence in one's spirit of the indwelling Holy Spirit

b. Outward aspects of the fruit *ETHICS SEEN BY OTHER*

—(1) Longsuffering (forbearing fortitude)

—(2) Gentleness (moral usefulness and excellence)

—(3) Goodness (virtue); Ephesians 5:9

(4) Evidence in one's surroundings of the indwelling Holy Spirit

c. Upward aspects of the fruit

—(1) Faith (trust, reliance)

—(2) Meekness (authority under control, rights set aside)

—(3) Temperance (continence, self-control)

(4) Evidence in one's sanctity of the indwelling Holy Spirit

RECORDING
STO LESSON 7
BRAIN LESSON 3

2. Fruit of relationship to Jesus Christ (II Peter 1:1-8)

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FEATURE

Not ensured by salvation but enabled by salvation; not an aspect of the faith that saves but addition to faith after one is saved

a. Precious provisions of that faith relationship

(1) Divine power for life and godliness

(2) Divine potential for glory and virtue

b. Precious promises of that faith relationship

(1) Promise of an escape from corruption (v.4)

Q (2) Promise of effective Christlikeness (v.8)

Q 1 (a) Virtue: excellence, manliness, praiseworthiness

(b) Knowledge: awareness and acceptance of Scripture truth

Q 3 (c) Temperance: self-control, continence

Q 4 (d) Patience: cheerful endurance, joyful constancy

Q 2 (e) Godliness: piety, holiness

(f) Brotherly kindness: natural fraternal affection

(g) Charity: bond of perfectness

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3. Fruit of righteousness by Jesus Christ among saints (Philippians 1:9-11): righteous outside because righteous inside

a. Abounding of love based upon knowledge; bounded by judgment

b. Approval within limits of rightness and excellence

c. Actions of life: sincerity and inoffensiveness

d. Acceptability to the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-10): goodness, righteousness, and truth

4. Fruit of reproduction through the Father among sinners (John 15:1-16; Mark 4:19, 20): fruit that naturally comes from the Word of God in the mouth of the believer

a. Missing fruit: v.2, 4 - "beareth not...cannot bear fruit"

Absence of fruit due to sin or failure to abide in the vine *disappoint the husbandman*

b. Mere fruit: v.2 - "beareth fruit" (30-fold) appearance of fruit that rewards the husbandman

c. More fruit: v.2 (60-fold) additional fruit that pleases the husbandman

d. Much fruit: v.5, 8 (100-fold) abundant fruit that amazes the husbandman

e. Maintained fruit: v.16 - "that your fruit should remain"

Lasting fruit that brings forth its own fruit and assures the husbandman

f. Method for this fruit: furtherance of gospel (Philippians 1:12-19) accomplished by

(1) Expression of living truth

(2) Emboldening of lagging "troops"

(3) Endurance of life's trials

(4) Allowing one's life experience to become a platform from which one can testify of Christ's Gospel message

E. Faithfulness in Christian character and ethics

1. Faithful ministry of magnifying Christ: Philippians 1:20-24;
making Christ appear larger: a bold, consistent witness that makes
Q 5 Jesus Christ large to those in whose minds he is presently small;
witness transcending life and extending beyond death

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2. Faithful ministry of mentoring Christians: Philippians 1:22-27

a. Mentoring abounding Christians: spiritual longing for their

(1) Further joy of faith: Philippians 1:25-27

(2) Abounding love: Philippians 1:10

(3) One-mindedness: Philippians 2:2

(4) Obedient living: Philippians 2:12

(5) Doctrinal safety: Philippians 3:2

(6) Continual growth: Philippians 3:15

(7) True fruit on the spiritual account: Philippians 4:17

b. Mentoring adversarial Christians (compare 1:15, 16)

3. Faithful ministry of modeling Christianity: : Philippians 2:1-16

Model a visible representation of the real

(a) Modeling Christian love: Philippians 2:1, 2

(1) Appropriate love: Philippians 1:7, 10

Absence of offense in ministry (II Corinthians 6:3)

(2) Accountable love: Philippians 1:8-a

Right in sight of the Divine Record-keeper

(3) Agonizing love: Philippians 1:8-b

★ Bowels, very innermost yearning and longing

(4) Agape (αγαπη) love: Philippians 1:9, 10 (charity)

Q 6 (a) Definition of charity: Colossians 3:14

★ Unifying principle of perfectness / perfection,

(b) Demand for charity: I Corinthians 13:1-3; 14:1; I Timothy

4:12; II Timothy 2:22; I Peter 4:8,

(c) Description of charity: I Corinthians 13:4-8

(d) Demonstration of charity: Romans 5:5, I Corinthians 8:1, 13

~~★~~ Charity being fullness of character of Christ lived out in

Holy Spirit power to edify but never offend

*CHARITY EDIFIES OR BUILDS UP!
However, faithful are the words of a friend because they are not intended to offend.*

(b) Modeling Christian lowliness: Philippians 2:3, 4

(1) In Christ: worthiness voluntarily laid aside

→ (2) In believers: unworthiness, not worthlessness

No, they did not get the cream of the crop, when they got you. They might believe it, but make sure you never do.

(c) Modeling Christian Lamb-likeness: Philippians 2:5-11

(1) No robbery: subtracting nothing from God

(2) No reputation: adding nothing to God

(3) No refusal: yielding everything to God

(4) Lamb the best type of a selfless creature of sacrifice

(d) Modeling Christian lifestyle: Philippians 2:12-16; I Timothy 4:12; I Thessalonians 2:10

(1) No blame: no accusation of evil being true

(2) No harm: innocent and unsuspecting

(3) No shame: without rebuke; no blot of great transgression

(Psalm 19:13)

(4) No regret: not ^{EMPTY} vain but fruitful (I Corinthians 15:58)

F. Fellowship in Christian character and ethics: Philippians 2:17-

3:7 "friendly association, AFFECTED FOR GOOD OR BAD especially w/ people who share one's interest,"

1. Fellowship of those who are selfless toward Christ *Not too many are. PHP. 2:19-21*

- a. Living sacrifice unto Christ: Philippians 2:17
- b. Literal sacrifice unto Christ: Philippians 2:30
- c. "Loss" sacrifice unto Christ: Philippians 3:7

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2. Fellowship of those who serve others

- a. By sacrificing for others: Philippians 2:20, 25
- b. By structuring their lives around others: Philippians 2:22, 23, 26
- c. By giving solace to others: Philippians 2:27-30

3. Fellowship of those who separate from false brethren

- a. Covetous: Philippians 2:21
- b. Dangerous: Philippians 3:2 - dogs (pagans); evil workers (seducing spirits); concision (religious but insincere)

4. Fellowship of those who separate to God and true brethren: Philippians 3:3

- ✗ Separation not isolation to polish haloes; sterilization to prevent infection

G. Features of Christian character and ethics

1. Feature of spirituality in ministry ethics: Philippians 3:3, 8-11

a. Spirituality a doctrinal identity: Philippians 3:3: not superiority complex to claim to be right when one is right

b. Spirituality a daily conformity: Philippians 3:8, 9

Q7c. Spirituality a definite priority: Philippians 3:10, 11: to know Christ personally, powerfully, painfully, or even permanently; to know Christ even to the point of avoiding anyone who dulls my keenness for him; no confusion of nice with godly, successful with saintly

2. Feature of single-mindedness in ministry ethics: Philippians 3:12-14 (also Philippians 1:27; 2:2, 20)

a. Single-minded to God's purpose (following after)

b. Single-minded for God's pursuit (reaching forth)

c. Single-minded toward God's prize (pressing toward)

d. As opposed to double-mindedness of James 1:8; attempting to apprehend that for which Jesus apprehended me

3. Feature of standards in ministry ethics: Philippians 3:14-21

Q (a) Disturbance about standards

(1) Legalism: standards as the requirement for salvation, means of holiness Galatianism: Galatians 3:3, 11

- (2) Phariseism: standards as the replacement for God's commands; laying aside, rejecting, and voiding of God's commandments (neo-evangelical, not fundamentalist) Mark 7
- (3) Isolationism: standards as the refinement of revival living; peculiarity for peculiarity's sake; standard for standard's sake

(b) Definition of standards

Q (1) Not holiness producers: not the means of attaining Christian character

(2) Holiness protectors: helping the believer reinforce Biblical ministry ethic that he already possesses

(3) Holiness promoters: helping the believer reproduce Biblical ministry ethic among those to whom he ministers

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(c) Development of standards: Philippians 3:14-21; II Corinthians 3:18

N (1) The press: Philippians 3:14, a wrestling term

N (2) The process: Philippians 3:15, moving from immaturity to maturity; otherwise-minded \Rightarrow thus minded; I Corinthians 4:16, 17; 16:10; Philippians 1:27; 2:2, 20; 4:2; no right to believe this or that but a requirement to believe this or that; not judged for what "I believe" but for what God believes!

(3) The pattern: Philippians 3:16, same rule, same thing; II Thessalonians 2:15

(a) Pattern of godly men & women: Philippians 3:17; II Timothy 3:10, 14

(b) Pattern of ungodly men & women: Philippians 3:18, 19; known by their god, greed, glory, and goal

(4) The preparation: Philippians 20, 21; I John 2:28-3:3

d. Demand for standards in the twenty-first-century church

Quality control department of the church even as companies have such to ensure quality, sanitation, safety, etc.

(1) Prevalence of the weak: Romans 14:1, 2, 21; 15:2; I Corinthians 8:9-12; 9:19-27; not instructed, not interested, perhaps infected (made weak)

(2) Presumptuous conclusions: Romans 14:3-7, 10

(a) That those taking liberty can despise those who don't; despising the one with the higher standard

(b) That those who don't take liberty can judge those who do; judging the one with the lower standard

(c) That everyone is his own master I Corinthians 4:1-5 with Romans 14:7, 8

(d) That everyone knows the truth: I Corinthians 8:1-7

(3) Primary accountability: Romans 14:8-12 To Christ every day and on Judgment Day

(4) Potential for damage

(a) Damage of offenses: Offense never hurt feelings but always impacting influence that eases the path toward sin; Romans 14:21-23; I Corinthians 8:13; 10:27-33; Philippians 1:10

• (b) Damage of stumblingblocks: anything that emboldens sinful activity; seems to "okay" sinners or saints in their sin; Romans 14:13-15, 20-23; I Corinthians 8:7-13

(c) Damage to testimony as a castaway in man's eyes, not God's (I Corinthians 9:27); with result that one's good, not one's sin, is evil spoken of (I Corinthians 10:30)

- Q f. Decision about standards
- Q 8 - (1) Awareness of applicable law, command, etc. of God
- Q 9 - (2) Attitude of submission to law, command, etc.
- Q 10 - (3) Action of obedience to law, command, etc.

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H. Flourishing in Christian character and ethics

AND
GROW, DEVELOP IN A HEALTHY OR VIGOROUS WAY, ESPECIALLY AS THE RESULT OF A PARTICULARLY FAVORABLE ENVIRONMENT.

1. Flourishing with a converted (saved and sanctified) mind:
Philippians 4:1-3; standing fast and staying fervent in the Lord; an appeal for one-mindedness that supercedes and over-rides gender difference / soul ("personality") difference

2. Flourishing with a controlled (Spirit-filled) mind: Philippians 4:4;
thoughts subdued under Spirit's bidding: Acts 8:22-24; sin prohibits joy
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3. Flourishing with a calmed (serene) mind: Philippians 4:5-7 *DON'T READ AT BEGINNING, 1 VERSE AT A TIME.*

V. 5 a. Calmed by moderation: "the keeping of an appropriate balance between extremes or excesses; the restraint necessary to demonstrate balance

b. Calmed by expectation: Philippians 4:6: eliminating anxiety and cultivating thanksgiving Matthew 6:6, Isaiah 65:24
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c. Calmed by supplication: Philippians 4:6: private & personal; pointed; public; perennial Father nurtures Father-child relations by answering specific, stated prayers of his children

d. Calmed by impartation: Philippians 4:7: supernatural & stabilizing peace; Jesus Christ the giver of peace John 14:27 *You may need this*
NO RESPECT OF PERSONS *peace today, right now.*

N 4. Flourishing with a closed (selective) mind: Philippians 4:8: visualized as enclosure with a gate; gate to keep in what should be in and keep out what should be out; gate to let in what is needed and send out what is no longer beneficial

a. Closed to anything not true; open only to that which is true (whole truth, fully revealed truth) Not just one verse on subject

b. Closed to anything not honest; open only to that which is honest (venerable, respectable, grave)

c. Closed to anything not just; open only to that which is just (equitable, innocent, righteous)

d. Closed to anything not pure; open only to that which is pure (modest, chaste, clean)

e. Closed to anything not lovely; open only to that which is lovely (friendly toward, acceptable)

f. Closed to anything not of good report; open only to that which is of good report (reputable, well-spoken)

g. Closed to anything not virtuous; open only to that which is virtuous (^{SPIRITUAL} ^{VALUE} excellent, manly)

h. Closed to anything not praiseworthy; open only to that which is praiseworthy (commendable)
IS IT WORTHY OF PRAISE?

EXALTING AGAINST KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.
IMAGINATIONS

- i. Closed to anything antagonistic; open only to that which is helpful and worthy: II Corinthians 10:3-5

Q. V.4 PULLING DOWN
V.5(1) Casting down: to bring down by demolition ~~SO THEY CANT BE BROUGHT TO MIND~~

CAPTIVITY(2) Capturing; shackle and lead away as conquest / spoils

OBEEDIENCE(3) Controlling; obedient discipline in the mind

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5. Flourishing with a conditioned (steadfast) mind: Philippians 4:9
(II Timothy 1:5, 3:14): things learned, received, heard, seen,
practiced, blessed; not rutted routine but sanctified sameness

6. Flourishing with a contented (satisfied) mind: Philippians 4:10-23

7. Flourishing with a consecrated (single) mind of God's wisdom

a. I Corinthians 1:18—2:16

Man's Wisdom	God's Wisdom
Intellectual 1:18 (inner good bringing eventual healing)	Insightful 1:18 (sin, Saviour, salvation)
Temporary 1:18, 19	Eternal 1:18, 23, 29-31, 2:5
Foolish 1:20, 23	Sensible 2:6, 7
Ignorant 1:21, 2:8	Discerning 2:10
Doomed 1:27, 28	Successful 2:11
Weak 2:5	Strong 2:12, 13
Limited 2:9, 14	Infinite 2:15, 16

N b. James 3:13-18

(1) Wisdom that descendeth not from above

- (a) Earthly: full of confusion & evil works; developed in this world without consent or acknowledgement of God
- (b) Sensual: full of envy & strife; developed in intellectual pursuit without surrender or obedience to God
- (c) Devilish: full of lies; Satan father of lies; developed in outright hatred for and rebellion against God;
- (d) Not of the Father but of the world, humanism with all its tentacles; any idea to avoid accountability to God

Q(2) Wisdom that descendeth from above

- (a) Pure: James 1:21
- (b) Peaceable: Hebrews 12:11; health-producing
- (c) Gentle: Titus 3:2; suitable, appropriate
- (d) Easy to be entreated: James 1:5-8
- (e) Full of mercy & good fruits: James 2:13
- (f) Without partiality: James 2:1-4
- (g) Without hypocrisy: James 2:10-26
- (h) Not of the world but of the Father; Biblicism; inspired & preserved truth; not opinions, theories, studies, etc.

c. Acts 27

(1) Scriptural wisdom

- (a) Word of earnest preachers: Acts 27:10
- (b) Word of the eternal God: Acts 27:21-26

(2) Earthly, sensual, devilish wisdom

(a) Word of experts: Acts 27:11

(b) Way of ease: Acts 27:12

(c) Will of everyone: Acts 27:12

(d) Whim of emotion: Acts 27:14

Wildness of Euroclydon, weakness of egotism, worsening of events, worry of exasperation, waste of expectations, waves of elimination, web or entanglement, wages of emptiness

STOP 1.16

NOTES8. Flourishing in Christian character and ethics

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a. Always ministering truth / godly counsel

b. Never mixing in or resorting to psychology / psychiatry

c. Ministering truth over science; what has been declared by inspiration more important than what has been discovered by experimentation; all God's truth scientifically accurate; not all science theologically / Scripturally accurate (I Timothy 6:20, 21)

d. Ministering faith over sight; peace and knowledge of the Lord more reliable than proof and knowledge of the laboratory: "I'd rather know a few things for certain than ^Nbe sure of a lot of things that ain't so." —Will Rogers; Luke 1:4; Proverbs 22:17-21

e. Ministering upward more than inward; trust in God as opposed to trust in one's own heart; don't follow heart that is deceitful *Gen. 17:9*

- f. Minister solutions for sin more than sympathy for symptoms; what God can do in me, more important than what someone else has done to me; greater good over present distress; focus upon miraculous deliverances, not crippling problems; ^{FOR INSTANCE} Absalom's & Sam. 13:20 counsel to Tamar versus ^{JOHN 8:10, 11} Jesus counsel to woman taken in adultery
- g. Minister victory not victimization; produce God-dependence, not counselor-dependence; disciple, minister, and equip; don't drag out the "counseling process"; to every church in Revelation a promise to overcomers; ^{RIDICULOUS} virtual drive if victory not possible for the saints in those terrifyingly difficult situations
- h. Minister mercy / forgiveness over vengeance; getting better rather than getting even
- i. Minister objectively not subjectively; what works versus what works for me
And this is what works.

Proverbs 23:7 You are today a ^{TOTAL} result of everything you have allowed yourself to think about. Everything you have ever thought about has had an effect on your life, for good, or for evil. If you want to become more spiritually minded, you have to be willing to think differently.

Phy. 4:8, 9 If you compare what you are thinking to what we read in these verses, you can tell what things you should STOP thinking about, AND, what you should continue to ^{THINK} ABOUT.

Romans 13:14 Don't provide time, or a place, OR room in your thoughts for the flesh to fulfill the (EVIL) I love them.

James 1:14, 15 So, what the Bible says we should do?

^{TWO CHOICES}
Romans 7:5 LAW OF MY MIND
OR
2 Cor. 10:5

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Define Christian Character (WITHIN) from the scriptures
SO that you can live Christian ETHICS before the WORLD.
May the Holy Spirit lead you and may you be willing to follow!