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Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

—1 Peter 1:13 ESV

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For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. —1 Peter 2:19 ESV

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Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. —1 Peter 3:8 ESV

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The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. —1 Peter 4:7 ESV

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Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

—1 Peter 5:8 ESV

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“Your mind is that which, when controlled, controls every aspect of your life. You will never become a significant impacting Christian until you learn to think. There is nothing as easy as thinking and nothing as difficult as thinking well—thinking under the light of the truth which God has revealed.”

—Howard Hendricks

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So roll up your sleeves, put your mind in gear, be totally ready to receive the gift that's coming when Jesus arrives. Don't lazily slip back into those old grooves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn't know any better then; you do now.

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As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness. God said, "I am holy; you be holy."

—1 Peter 1:13-16 MSG

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Your Thoughts Develop  
Your Character (1:13)

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...the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. —Psalm 147:11 ESV

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God never asks us to do anything for Him until He fully informs us of what He has done for us!

He . . .

- chose you (1:1)
  - caused you to be born again (1:3)
  - is keeping you for an eternal purpose (1:4)
  - is protecting you (1:5)
  - is refining you (1:6-7)
  - is revealing His amazing grace in you (1:8-11)
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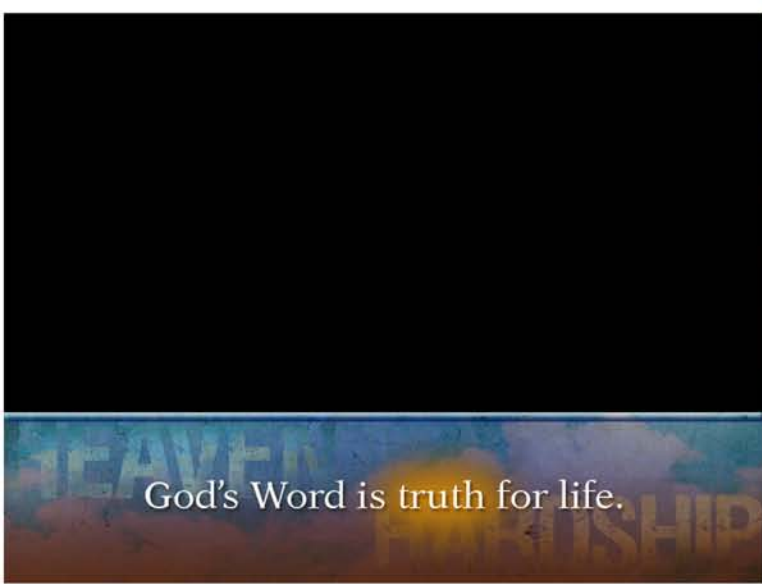
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*Believe it and live it!*

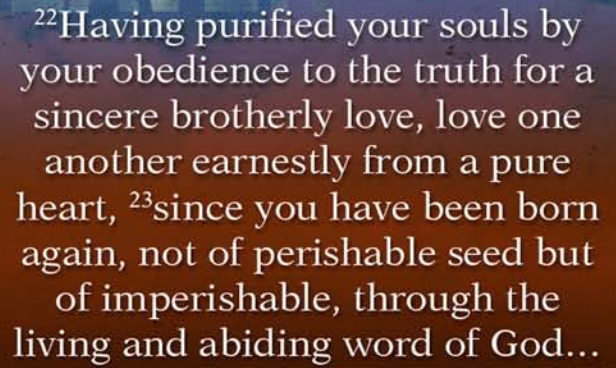
- Great future promise—Heaven!
  - Powerful present truth—He lives!
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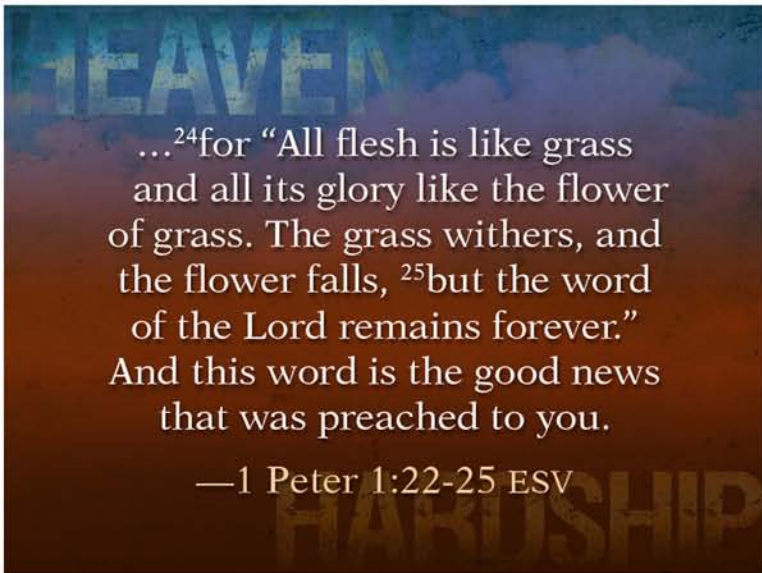
God's Word is truth for life.

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<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God...

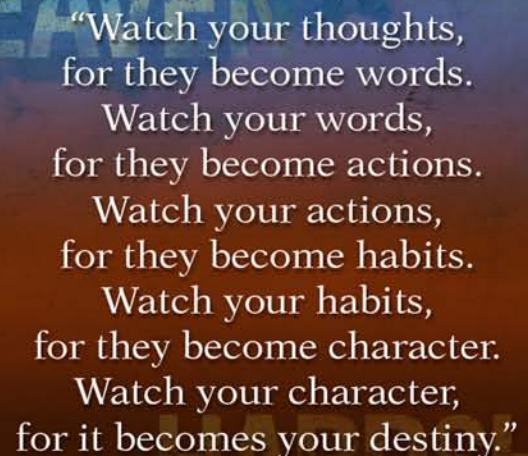
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...<sup>24</sup>for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

—1 Peter 1:22-25 ESV

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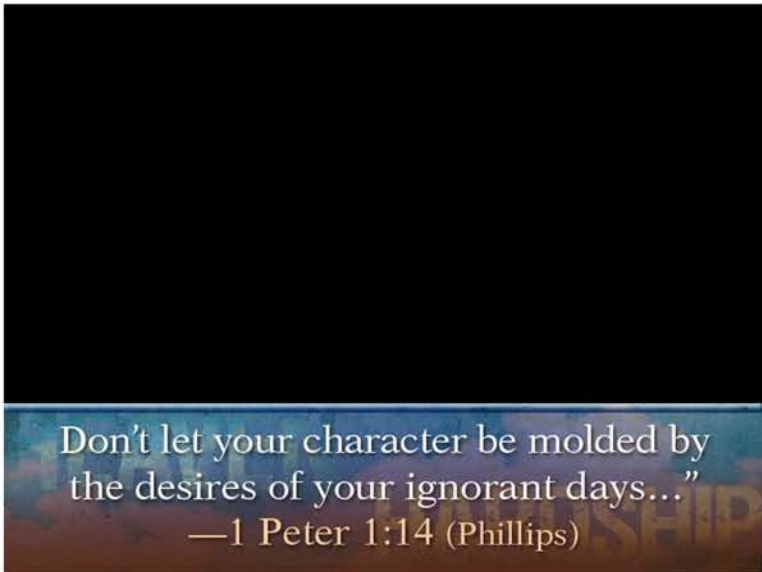
"Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Watch your words, for they become actions. Watch your actions, for they become habits. Watch your habits, for they become character. Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny."

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Your Thoughts Facilitate Your Failures (1:14-15)

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Don't let your character be molded by the desires of your ignorant days..."  
—1 Peter 1:14 (Phillips)

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Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

—1 Peter 2:11 ESV

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Temptation is the solicitation to fill a God-given desire in a God-forbidden way.

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<sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

<sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

—1 Corinthians 10:12-13 ESV

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Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God re-make you so that our whole attitude of mind is changed. Thus you will prove in practice that the will of God is good, acceptable to him and perfect.

—Romans 12:2 (J.B. Phillips)

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<sup>1</sup>Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, <sup>2</sup>so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.

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<sup>3</sup>For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry... <sup>7</sup>The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.

—1 Peter 4:1-3, 7 ESV

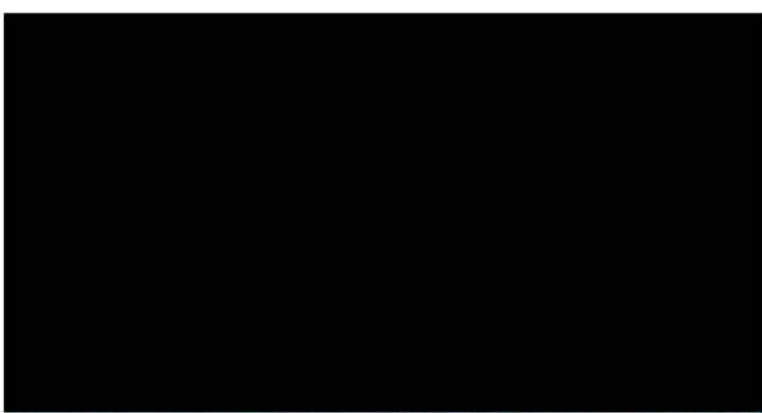
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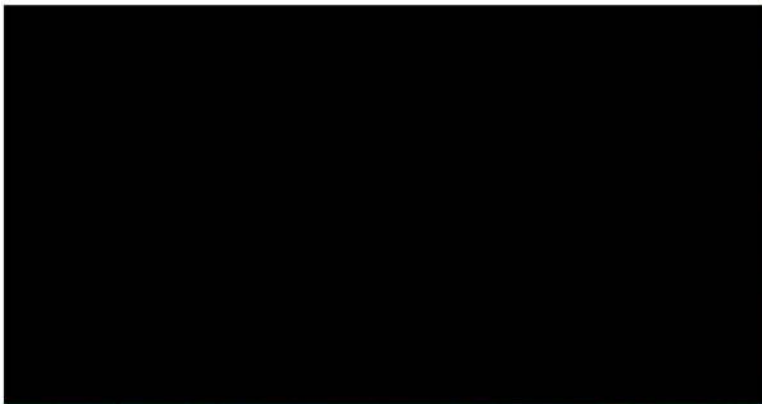
Your Thoughts Trump  
Your Circumstances

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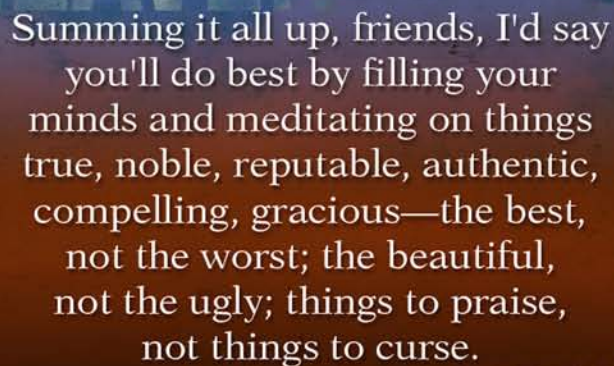
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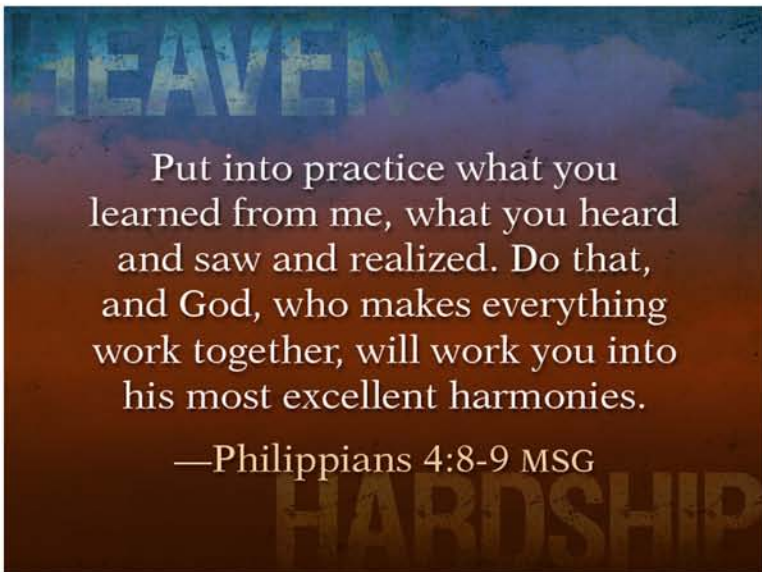
Be conscious of God.

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Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse.

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Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.

—Philippians 4:8-9 MSG

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