“What Are You Thinking?”

Joy for the Journey - A Study of Philippians

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Philippians 4:8-9

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Introduction:

A. Our _________ are always at work.

B. “Beware of what you set your ________ on for that you will surely __________.” (Emerson)

C. The spiritual battle begins and is ultimately ______ or ______ in our minds (Prov. 4:23; 1 Pet. 1:13; 2 Cor. 10:5; Rom. 12:2)

D. Suggestions for winning the battle of the mind…

I. Allow Only _______ Thoughts to _______ in Your Mind

A. Paul spelled out in detail the kinds of things we ought to be thinking about:
   1. Whatever is ________________.
   2. Whatever is ________________.
   3. Whatever is ________________.
   4. Whatever is ________________.
   5. Whatever is ________________.
   6. Whatever is ________________.
   7. Whatever is ________________.
   8. Whatever is ________________.

B. What kinds of thoughts are always all those things? __________ ________

C. Psalm 19:7-11

D. When we treasure God’s Word and live according to it, then there is great ____________.

II. Don’t Allow _____ Thoughts to get a ___________ in Your Mind

A. How can we overcome bad thoughts and bring them to an end? By fighting them with the ______ of ____________ (Eph. 6:17).

B. ________ used the Word of God to fight the temptations of Satan (Mt. 4).

C. Psalm 119:9, 11

D. We need to reduce the ______ that enters our minds.

E. Whatever is in our minds has an _____________ on us (Pr. 6:21; Mt. 12:34-35).

Conclusion:

A. We need to __________ the right things, and we need to __________ the right things, then we know the God of ________ will be with us.

B. Isaiah 26:3

C. I want to encourage us to have a _____ - ________ mind.