CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR

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Think About These Things

Scripture Reference: Philippians 4:8

- Our mind is the _____ of our lives.
- Spiritual stronghold: A pattern of _____ that opposes the knowledge and truth of God's word. *(2 Cor 10: 4-5)*
- Strongholds _____ your life and keep you from the spiritual _____ that is yours in Christ.
- If you want to _____ your life you have to change the way you _____.
- Set your mind: An _____ choice of focus or a deliberate orientation of thought. *(Col 3: 1-2)*

8 things to think about:

1. Whatever is _____: Things you can rely on and are _____.
   A. The devil wants to _____ you. Corrupt your mind. _____ your perspective.
   B. Basis for spiritual _____: Truth of God vs the lies of the devil.

2. Whatever is _____: High moral, honorable, worthy of _____ and good character.
   A. Can you think of _____ noble in your life?
   B. Someone who takes the _____ and turns the other cheek.
   C. _____ yourself with these people.

3. Whatever is _____: Righteous in _____ and action. Upright and fair.
   A. We are called to treat people _____ and with _____. *(Gal 6:10, 1Pt 2:17)*
   B. You can't _____ others. You control how you think and _____. *(Rom 12:18)*

4. Whatever is _____: Clean and unstained. Free from _____, holy, sacred.
   A. Heart: _____. If you decide evil in your mind, but the act is not done, you are still _____ for the guilt of the act. *(Matt 5:28)*
   B. Sinful deeds have their _____ in our minds.
   C. Good things can be done at the _____ and become harmful.
   D. Keep your _____ pure and your _____ will be pure.

5. Whatever is _____: Pleasing, inspires love, _____ attractive.
   A. What is attractive to _____?
   B. Patience, _____, self-control, forgiveness, humility, _____, fear of the Lord.

6. Whatever is _____: Good report, _____.
   A. Things that make you want to say _____ and good job.
   B. Anything good to _____ about. *(Prov 16:24)*
   C. Good character, _____, admirable.
   D. John C Maxwell's 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership. Law of Magnetism. The kind of person you are _____ the same kind of people.

7. If there is any _____: Moral character, _____.
   A. You have to _____ for these qualities.
   B. Motivates you to excel. (_____)

8. If there is anything _____. Commendation, recognizing someone for a _____ action.
   A. General praise, _____ citation or reward.

Self-brain surgery:

- Start with _____. *(Phil 4:4)* Giving God adoration and praise for who he is.
- Give your thoughts to God in prayer with _____. I don't ever want to ask God for anything without thanking him first. *(Phil 4:6)*
  - ACTS: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication
- Bible reading and _____ memorization. (Have a plan)
  - Do this when you are fresh. Give God the best part of your day.
- Give yourself _____.
- Serve others. It's hard to think _____ thoughts when you are doing good for others. It is better to give than to receive. *(Acts 20:35)*
- Keep a prayer _____.
- What needs to be _____?