

*Philippians 4:1, 1:9-11*

1. A faith that stands firm accepts the loving \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ of others who are standing firm  
in the faith.

*Philippians 4:2-3*

When you have security, correction is useful and \_\_\_\_\_  
in your life, \_\_\_\_\_ a cause for shame or hiding.

2. A faith that stands firm remembers the joy of salvation  
that leads to the peace of a protected mind.

*Philippians 4:4-7*



Will we allow the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's word to show us what we need to stay away from, and what we need to draw near to?

**3. A faith that stands firm moves \_\_\_\_\_ correct thinking and on to godly \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Philippians 4:8-9*

True: corresponds to \_\_\_\_\_ – the way God sees things.

Noble: venerated (highly respected) for personal \_\_\_\_\_ – the way Jesus acted.

Right: righteous, keeping God's \_\_\_\_\_ – the way the Holy Spirit instructs.

Pure: \_\_\_\_\_ of sensual perversion – the way that real love thinks about others.



Lovely: \_\_\_\_\_ to God – the way God intended things to be.

Admirable: things said in a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit – the way we would want to be spoken to.

Excellent: morally \_\_\_\_\_, associated with modesty and purity – the way God made humans to act.

Praiseworthy: \_\_\_\_\_ – the way God exalted Christ (2:6–11).

Think: \_\_\_\_\_ your mental capacities (ponder) – the way God intended us to be entertained.

*Romans 12:2*

When we purposefully and intentionally \_\_\_\_\_ our thoughts, not only are we better equipped to know and act out God's will, we express a joy that \_\_\_\_\_ the circumstantial happiness of the watching world around us.



# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. How easy is it for you to receive correction?

***Read Philippians 4:1-9.***

2. Conflicts and disagreements happen often within a group of people- even within a church. Read Matthew 5:21-26 and discuss why reconciliation is so important within the body of Christ.

***Read Philippians 4:4-7.***

3. While there are reasonable things for us to be concerned about, what are ways you allow yourself to be, "troubled with cares"?

4. As we think about guarding our hearts and minds, Pastor Brian asked the question, "will you allow the wisdom of God's word to show you what you need to stay away from, and what you need to draw near to?" How do you accomplish that?

***Read Philippians 4:8-9.***

5. We live in a world of influence. How do you guard your thinking against worldly thought patterns versus biblical ones?

6. The weekend service notes provide a list of things from the passage to think on. Which on the list is the most important to you and why?

