

## The Book of Joy

**Concept development:** Christianity – Having a positive attitude

**Words to define:**

4.8 **Think on** - NT: 3049 logizomai (log-id'-zom-ahee); middle voice from NT: 3056; to take an inventory, i.e. estimate (literally or figuratively): KJV - conclude, (ac-) count (of), + despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think (on). - *think on the right things*

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**Body:**

Thinking on the right things [4:8] 4:8-9

True and honorable – our words and engagements; decency in our behavior

Just and Pure – Justice and righteousness in our dealing with God/man w/o the impurity of sin

Lovely and good report – to render us beloved; well spoken of, well thought of

Think on these things

Do I have? (list above)

How can I gain?

*Justice - thinking justly w/o others, don't judge quickly  
look at it justly as enemy*

Forgetting the past [3:13]

Hold on to the earthly things

1 John 2:15 - Love not the world or the thing in the world

What we have given up to be Christians *pleasures of sin*

The promises of a worldly life *, riches*

Pursuits of the world

*sinful part of worldly worldly  
loving things of world, ties us  
to earthly things. we should  
be in debt so bad we have  
to sacrifice spiritual things we  
should be doing.*

Look forward to our reward in Christ [3:14]

Reach for the spiritual things *- goal (eternity)*

*not on the flesh as pleasure, not physical things*

Prayer and supplication [4:6-7]

Giving thanks

*for things we have - these  
things were given to us by God*

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Reading: Philippians 1-4

Memory Verse: Psalms 119:105

Words to Define: Think On (4:8) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Who wrote the book of Philippians?
2. Why is it called the book of joy? (4:1)
3. Where was Paul when he wrote this letter?
4. Who started the church at Philippi? (Acts 16:11-40) How?

Chapter 1

1. Paul warns that one day the Philippians may also have to suffer for Christ. If they do, he says, they should be brave and remember that the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ will comfort them.
2. Explain what Paul means in verse 21.
3. In verse 27, what does Paul tell them to do? Why is this so important?

Chapter 2

1. Identify the problem that was occurring in the Philippian church. (2:1-4)
2. How did Jesus humble himself when he was on this earth (2:8-11)
3. How did Paul tell the Christians to remedy the problem in the Philippian church? (2:5-16)

### Chapter 3

1. Who does Paul warn the Philippians to watch for? (3:2)
2. What is Paul telling them to forget in verse 13? What could have been some of those things? (Vs. 19)
3. What is the goal in verse 14?

### Chapter 4

1. What do you think Paul was talking about in verses 2-3?
2. What does being anxious mean? What was Paul's answer? (Vs. 6)
3. List five commands Paul gave the Philippians, which would guarantee that the God of peace would be with them. (4:4-9)
4. Thinking on the right things (4:8). Explain each.

True and honorable\_\_\_\_\_

Just and Pure\_\_\_\_\_

Lovely and Good Report\_\_\_\_\_

5. Paul learned how to be content, whatever state he was in. (vs. 11)  
How? (Vs. 13)