

The Book of Joy

Concept development: Christianity – Having a positive attitude

Words to define:

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).

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Body:

Thinking on the right things [4:8]

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?

How can I gain?

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

The promises of a worldly life

Pursuits of the world

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

Reach for the spiritual things

Prayer and supplication [4:6-7]

Giving thanks

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LESSON 10

TEXT: PHIL. 1-4

TEACHER:

MEMORY VERSE: PSALMS 119:105

QUESTIONS

- 1. – What are some of the things we should think on to insure joy in our heart found in Phil. 4?**
- 2. – Explain each of your answers from question 1?**
- 3. – Read Phil. 3:13. Why should we forget the past?**
- 4. – How do we do this?**
- 5. – Why must we let go of the things of this world?**
- 6. – What are some of the things that we may have to give up to be a Christian?**
- 7. – What had Paul given up to be a Christian?**
- 8. – What do we gain if we become and remain faithful Christians?**
- 9. – Who do we need to depend on, ourselves, others, who?**