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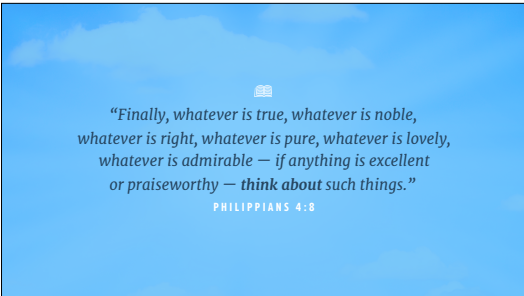


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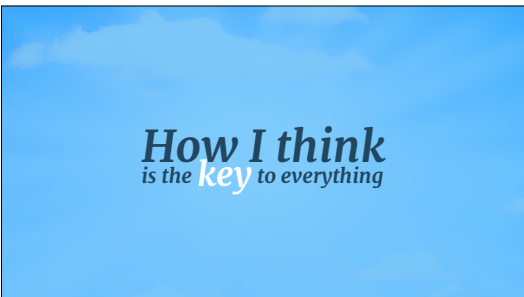


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What we do **&** What is done to us  
(BEHAVIOR) (CIRCUMSTANCES)

**DO NOT** produce  
**what we think.**

**What we think**  
produces our behavior in any circumstance.

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☰  
“As you think within yourself, so are you.”

PROVERBS 23:7

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“Be careful how you think; your life is shaped  
by your thoughts.”

PROVERBS 4:23, CEV

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**Thinking rightly**  
is the discipline of setting  
Biblical values and godly virtues  
as the mind’s gate-keeper.

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EMOTION

“How will this make me feel?”

PRAGMATISM

“How will this help me succeed?”

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*"Many go to church not to think or reason about truth, but to get a certain feeling ... People now ask, 'How will it make me feel?' not, 'Is it true?' ... In today's theology ... the predominant questions are 'Will it divide?' and 'Will it offend?' rather than 'Is it right?' The [Bereans] were 'noble-minded' because 'they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily.' They were interested in finding truth, not good feelings or pleasant circumstances."*

BILL HULL

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*"TV can't educate ... the only way to learn is by reading ... you'd [even] be better off never to have educational TV because at least in your mind there would be a vacuum that some day might be filled with a real thought..."*

PAUL ROBINSON

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**The ability of reason the most powerful  
facet of human life since it grants self-  
determination for how we will live.**



*"Come, let us reason together."*

ISAIAH 1:18

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*"Sin has more dangerous effects on our feeling than our thinking, because our opinions are more easily checked and regulated by revealed truth than are experiences."*

JOHN STOTT

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## Think About

**Truthful things** - founded on God's Word.

**Noble things** - dignified and respectable, not profane.

**Righteous things** - in perfect harmony with God's revealed truth.

**Pure things** - moral and undefiled.

**Lovely things** - gracious and uplifting.

**Admirable things** - respectable to believers and reputable among sinners.

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### THINKING RIGHTLY

1

**Think rightly about life  
by staying alert.**



*"Therefore...stand firm in the Lord."*

PHILIPPIANS 4:1

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### THINKING RIGHTLY

2

**Think rightly about community  
by cultivating harmony.**



*"I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche  
to agree with each other in the Lord."*

PHILIPPIANS 4:2

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### THINKING RIGHTLY

3

**Think rightly about  
circumstances by trusting God.**



*"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be  
evident to all. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything..."*

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-6

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Worry doesn't come from thinking too much about a matter, but from not thinking in the right direction.

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I become **anxious** when I fail to think of a God who is in control, close, and who cares about me.

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THINKING RIGHTLY

4

**Think rightly about prayer by praying gratefully.**



*"In everything, with prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

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THINKING RIGHTLY

5

**Think rightly about Truth by obeying immediately.**



*"Whatever you have learned or received from me, or seen in me —put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."*


PHILIPPIANS 4:9

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"Don't be like the people of this world, but  
let God change the way you think."  
ROMANS 12:2. CEV

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*Watch the **input**; it becomes *thought*.  
Thoughts become attitudes.  
Attitudes become actions.  
Actions become habits.  
Habits become character.  
Character becomes your destiny.*

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**Think Rightly**  
*the key to everything!*

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PART 8  
THE KEY TO EVERYTHING

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