



# the fellowship of the Gospel

PHILIPPIANS 4:8-9

## The Christian's Behavior

Small Group Study Guide

- Paul gives a list of "things" we are to dwell on, consider and ponder the value of. Using this list, identify some examples of specific behaviors or actions which will emanate from each of the following Christian virtues.

VIRTUE	EXAMPLE:
<b>True</b>	
<b>Honorable</b> (dignified, worthy of respect)	
<b>Right</b> (in harmony with God's standard)	
<b>Pure</b> (holy, undefiled, morally clean)	
<b>Lovely</b> (pleasing, attractive)	
<b>Good repute</b> (highly regarded, well thought of)	

- How can you determine if a particular action or behavior qualifies to fit into one of these categories? In other words, to "dwell on these things", where do you go to affirm or reject a particular behavior as being Christ-like?

Don't Forget:  
Discuss the Sermon Notes from this week

3. According to Philippians 3:8-9, what would you say is the relationship between Christ-centered thinking and Christian living?
  
4. Paul is commanding Christians to develop a distinctively Christ-centered and gospel-informed worldview (way of thinking). Today, there are many in the evangelical church who emphasize feeling over and above thinking.
  - What might be the reasons so many in the church do not work to develop a gospel-informed worldview, and instead favor emphasizing feelings and emotionalism?
  
  - What are the potential dangers when Christians do not seek to exercise their mind in pondering, valuing and discerning truth?
  
5. How does each of the following help the Christian develop a Christ-centered and gospel-informed worldview and way of thinking?
  - Listening to the preaching of the Word:
  
  - Participation in a discipleship class or small group:
  
  - Commitment to regular, personal devotional study:
  
6. Of the above three means to developing a Christ-centered and gospel-informed worldview, which one is the most challenging discipline for you? Why is it difficult and challenging for you? What might be some practical steps you could take to assist you in growing in this discipline?
  
  
7. What role do others in the **Fellowship of the Gospel** play in helping you develop a mind that “dwells on these things”? How can you mentor a younger believer in developing a mind that is Christ-centered with a gospel-informed worldview?

***Bible Memory:***

*Whatever is true,  
whatever is honorable,  
whatever is right,  
whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely,  
whatever is of good repute,  
if there is any excellence  
and if there is anything  
worthy of praise,  
dwell on these things..*

*Philippians 4:8*

**For Next Week:  
Prayerfully meditate and study the following: Philippians 4:10-14**