

# **Practicing the Presence of God**

**Philippians 4:8-9**

# **God's Presence in your life depends upon:**

- 1. What you choose to think about.**
- 2. What you choose to do in response to those thoughts.**

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***“Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”*** (Matthew 5:27–28, KJV)

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***“Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.” (1 John 3:15, KJV)***

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***“And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.” (1 Corinthians 3:20, KJV)***

# **I. We Must Choose Think Godly Thoughts**

**“...think on these things”**

**Philippians 4:8**

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***“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.” (Mark 7:21–23, KJV)***

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***“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12, KJV)***

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## **1. Filter Your Thoughts with the Word of God.**

***“Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.”***  
**(John 15:3, KJV)**

***“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”*** (John 17:17, KJV)

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***“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;” (2 Corinthians 10:5, KJV)***

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## **3. Shield Your Thoughts**

***“I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.” (Psalm 101:3, KJV)***

# **II. We Must Choose Do The Right Things**

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## **II. We Must Choose Do The Right Things**

***“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.” (James 4:17, KJV)***

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***“Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do...” (Philippians 4:9, KJV)***

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***“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Matthew 28:19–20, KJV)***

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***“And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”***  
**(Luke 24:46–47, KJV)**

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