PHILIPPIANS 4:8

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SO .....

IF WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR THOUGHTS,

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AND THEY ALWAYS MATTER .....

What instruction does scripture have to help us have Godly thinking?

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#### WORD STUDY

GREEK: LOGIZOMAI

THINK - KING JAMES, NIV

DWELL NASB, HOLMAN (LITERALLY - PONDER THESE THINGS)

MEDITATE - NEW KING JAMES

OTHER USES IN THE NT: CREDITED, CONSIDER, REGARD, ACCOUNT

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#### IS THERE TRUTH?

OUR CURRENT CULTURE IS RELATIVISTIC.

IT WOULD SAY WHAT IS TRUE FOR YOU CAN BE DIFFERENT THAN OTHERS — WE MAKE OUR OWN TRUTH.

IS THAT TRUE?

JOHN 14:6 JESUS SAID TO HIM, "I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE; NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER BUT THROUGH ME.

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2 CORINTHIANS 10:5 (NASB)

We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are <u>taking every</u> <u>thought captive to the obedience of Christ</u>

#### EXAMINING YOUR THINKING

ASK, "SPECIFICALLY WHAT AM I THINKING?"

Compare those thoughts to the criteria of Phil. 4:8

Confess thoughts that violate Phil. 4:8

ASK, "WHAT SHOULD I BE THINKING?"

ASK, "What should I be doing?"

ASK, "WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES TODAY?"