

WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE JUST.

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INTRO.:

A. Text: **Phil. 4:8.**

B. Regarding the text:

1. Who controls what we think?
2. There are many things that can influence our thinking.
3. The Bible teaches that we are to control what we think.
 - 1) **Pro. 4:23** “Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.”
 - 2) How we think affects our attitudes, our decisions, and our actions.
 - 3) Good thoughts can help us have good lives.
4. Our lesson will focus on thinking about things that are **JUST**.
 - 1) The Greek is word translated as “just” 33 times, “righteous” 41 times, “right” 5 times, and “meet” 2 times.
 - 2) To be **JUST** is to be right God.
 - a. This requires being in fellowship with God (**1 John 1:5-7**).
 - b. **Heb. 10:38** The **JUST** live by faith.
 - c. An elder must be a **JUST** man (**Titus 1:8**).
 - 3) To be **JUST** is to be upright, being righteous with regard to God and mankind.

Discussion: To be JUST in God’s sight we must watch...

I. OUR OWN BEHAVIOR.

A. We must adhere to the proper *standard* for justice (**2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17**).

1. The just live by faith (**Hab. 2:4** “... the just shall live by faith”; **Rom. 1:17**).
2. To think on **JUST** things, we must be guided by God’s word. (**Deut. 6:25**).
3. Noah is identified as a “**JUST** man” (**Gen. 6:9**).

B. Being **JUST** and righteous does not come by accident!

1. We must know and obey God (**Psalms 119:11**).
2. Christ made justification possible (**Rom. 4:25** “Who was delivered for our offences and was raised again for our justification.”)

C. Set our minds to be JUST in *all circumstances*.

1. We must take charge of our own behavior.
2. God expects us to be just (**Micah 6:8**).

II. WATCH OUR RELATIONSHIP TO OTHERS.

A. First, we must keep ourselves separated from the world.

1. **1 John 2:15-17**.
2. **Ephesians 2:11-13**.

B. Christians no longer behave according to the world’s standards.

1. **Romans 12:1-2**.
2. **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**.
3. **Ephesians 2:20-23**.

C. We will be **JUST** when dealing with others.

1. **Romans 12:17** “Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.”
2. **Galatians 6:10** “Do good unto all men, especially...”

III. MAINTAIN OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.

A. We must maintain our fellowship/Relationship with God.

1. **1 John 1:5-10.**
2. Hold to God's unchanging hand (**Isaiah 41:10** "... I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.")

B. Sin affects our fellowship with God.

1. **Isaiah 59:1-2.**
2. Sin hinders our prayer life (**John 9:31; James 5:16**).

C. To be JUST means we become servants of righteousness (**Rom. 6:16-18**).

D. God wants us to be a JUST, a righteous people!

1. **1 John 2:29.**
2. **1 John 3:7** "My little children, let no man lead you astray: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous:."
3. **1 John 3:10** "In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother."

E. How do we become JUST/righteous before God?

1. We must hear the word (**Romans 10:17**).
2. We must believe in the gospel (**Mark 1:15**).
3. We must repent of our sins (**Acts 17:30**).
4. We must confess Jesus as Lord (**Romans 10:10**).
5. We must have sins washed away in baptism (**Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21**)!
6. Then, we must be **JUST** all the way to the end (**Matt. 13:49; Rev. 2:10**).

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. How do we think about things that are just or righteous?

B. We must be JUST in...

1. Our own behavior.
2. Our behavior in relationship to others.
3. Our behavior in relationship to God.