



EVERGREEN JOY
THE DISCIPLINE OF STANDING FIRM
PHILIPPIANS 4:8-9

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - March 5, 2023

1. Fill _____
(v. 8)

Philippians 4:8–9 (ESV)
8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

2. Live _____
(v. 9a)

3. Cherish _____
(v. 9b)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Meditate on the attributes listed in Philippians 4:8. Which of these things do you think is most lacking in your own thoughts? How will thinking about those things help you obey the imperatives of Philippians 4:1-7?
2. What unworthy things just take up too much space in your mind? How can you be more intentional to fill your mind with the best things?
3. **Read Hebrews 13:7.** Who have been some of the best and most helpful examples in your Christian life? How have their examples helped you live out your faith?
4. Where have you seen disconnects in your own life between what you might know or understand in a more academic sense and what you are actually living out? In what current area of your life would you most like to close that gap?
5. **Read Joshua 1:6-9.** If you really believe that the Lord your God is with you this week, what practical ramifications should there be in your life and actions?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

For Women: Blakey, Holly. "Managing Your Mind." Sermon. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysFrjG-3Q0> June 2020.
Lutzer, Erwin. *We Will Not Be Silenced*. Harvest House Publishers, 2020.
Reinke, Tony. *12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You*. Crossway, 2017.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that our church will be disciplined in thought and action.
Praise God for His promise that He is with us.
Pray that the time our middle schoolers are spending at Winter Weekend will bear much fruit.
Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life
Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

| Date | Old Testament | New Testament |
|------|---------------|---------------|
| 3/6 | Numbers 22-24 | Luke 2 |
| 3/7 | Numbers 25-26 | Luke 3 |
| 3/8 | Numbers 27-29 | Luke 4 |
| 3/9 | Numbers 30-31 | Luke 5 |
| 3/10 | Numbers 32-33 | Luke 6 |
| 3/11 | Numbers 34-36 | Luke 7 |