

Philippians 4:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Eightfold *hosa* ("whatever is...") list: *alēthē*, *semna*, *dikaia*, *hagna*, *prosphile*, *euphēma* (true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable). *Logizesthe* ("think on, reckon")—cultivate virtuous thought-life. This verse contributes to Philippians chapter 4's themes of joy, peace, contentment, and gratitude—Paul's prison epistle climax showing joy transcending circumstances through Christ's sufficiency.

Historical Context

Philippians chapter 4 concludes Paul's most joyful letter, written from Roman imprisonment (c. AD 60-62). The Philippian church, Paul's most faithful financial partner, sent support via Epaphroditus. Paul's gratitude, exhortations to joy and peace, and contentment teaching modeled Christ-centered living regardless of external circumstances—a powerful witness in the Roman world.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does this verse challenge your perspective on Virtuous thinking?
2. What specific application can you make from this teaching this week?
3. How does this verse point to Christ's sufficiency in all circumstances?

Interlinear Text

Tò	λοιπόν	ἀδελφοί	ὅσα	ἐστὶν	ἀληθῆ
G3588	Finally G3063	brethren G80	whatsoever things G3745	are G2076	true G227
ὅσα	σεμνά	ὅσα	δίκαια	ὅσα	
whatsoever things G3745	are honest G4586	whatsoever things G3745	are just G1342	whatsoever things G3745	
ἀγνά	ὅσα	προσφιλῆ	ὅσα	εὔφημα	
are pure G53	whatsoever things G3745	are lovely G4375	whatsoever things G3745	are of good report G2163	
εἴ	τις	ἀρετὴ	καὶ	εἴ	τις
G1487	G5100	virtue G703	and G2532	G1487	G5100
εἴ	τις	ἐπαινος	ταῦτα		
		praise G1868	on these things G5023		
λογίζεσθε·					
		think G3049			

Additional Cross-References

James 3:17 (Good): But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

Titus 2:7 (Good): In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

2 Corinthians 8:21 (Parallel theme): Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

Galatians 5:22 (Love): But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

1 Peter 2:12 (Good): Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1 Timothy 4:12 (Love): Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Hebrews 13:18 (Good): Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

Ephesians 5:9 (Righteousness): (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

Titus 1:8 (Love): But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

1 John 3:3 (Parallel theme): And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.