

## Sermon Application Study

February 4, 2024

### Target Passage → **Philippians 4:8, Proverbs 15:26-33**

1. Consider Leviticus 22:19-22. How would this inform Paul's view of purity?
2. When Paul tells us to think about "whatever is pure" what is he asking us to do?
3. According to the Proverbs passage, what does pure thinking look like?
4. How can impure people ever truly think pure thoughts before the Lord? See 1 Pet.1:13-19

**Bridge Passages (for further study) → Leviticus 22:19-22, 2 Corinthians 10:1-5, 1 Peter 1:13-19**

### For Me →

1. Do you scrutinize your thoughts well? How do you take them captive for Christ?
2. If Christ is our once-for-all pure sacrifice (and he is) why are we now called to strive for purity, not just in our actions, but right down to our thought life?
3. What are some ways to distinguish worldly, impure thoughts and ideas from pure thoughts that align with God's Word.
4. Are there areas of your thought life you have not taken captive for Christ? If you're comfortable, confess them to the group.

**For the Mission →** Someone says to you, "Christians act all holy. They go to church and pretend they're better than everyone. But I know plenty of Christians and they sin just like everyone else." How do you respond? Craft a biblical answer using the passages you've just studied.

### PRAYER FOCUS

Ask the Lord to give you a heart that strives for pure thoughts that are in line with the holiness of Christ. Thank him for the grace and mercy that allows you to live a life of holy and acceptable sacrifice.