

Sermon Application Study

February 18, 2024

Target Passage → Philippians 4:8, Proverbs 2:1-15

1. It's important to keep Paul's use of *excellence* separate from other ways we use this word. What does Paul mean by excellence here? See also 2 Peter 1:3-7
2. How are *excellence* and *worthy of praise* good summary words for everything else in Paul's list in Phil.4:8?
3. How does Proverbs 2:1-15 describe pursuing godly excellence?
4. How does Jesus display the ultimate example of what is excellent and worthy of praise?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → John 1:1-14, 2 Peter 1:3-7, Revelation 4:1-11

For Me →

1. How would your pursuit of godly virtue through a pursuit of godly wisdom measure on a thermometer? Hot, cold, lukewarm? Take your temperature. Explain.
2. Give one example of how the Lord has changed your thoughts over the course of your life as a Christian. What passage from God's word directed your thoughts on this?

For the Mission →

1. What are some virtues we find in the world sometimes that are consistent with godly virtue?
2. How would you help someone holds to these virtues find them in Christ? What might you say to make that connection?

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask the Lord to remind you of his constant grace to you in Christ as you strive to take every thought captive for his glory.