

What Is Admirable – Steve Tanner
What Is Excellent – Chad Chaney
What Is Worthy Of Praise – Dr. Jeffrey Allen Love
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“And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.”
Philippians 4:8

- **Fix Your Thoughts On What Is Admirable.**

“Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.”

Philippians 4:9

- **People are watching.**

“Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example.”

Philippians 3:17

- **Who do you want them to see?**

“And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.”

1 Corinthians 11:1

“And the people of Berea... listened eagerly to Paul’s message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth.”

Acts 17:11

- **Measure everything against God’s standard—His Word.**

- **What kind of follower would a new Christian become if he or she imitated you?**

We serve an excellent God so we strive to do things with excellence.

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”

Colossians 3:2 (ESV)

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

Romans 12:2a (NIV)

- **Fix Your Thoughts On What Is Admirable, Excellent And Worthy Of Praise.**

1. **Move away from thinking that is not “worthy of praise”.**

“For from within, out of a person’s heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you.”

Mark 7:21-23

Recognize it and confess it.

2. **Move toward thinking that is “worthy of praise”.**

“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”

Galatians 5:22-23

Transform your mind with the scriptures.

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Philippians 4:9

My Next Step: I will memorize all of Philippians 4:8 *“And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.”*