Concentration: Mental Unity

Philippians 4:8-9

I. <u>REFLECT</u>: "let your mind dwell on these things" (v.8)

- **A. Emphasis:** "Finally, brethren" (v.8a)
 - 1. Specifics: "whatever is..."
 - a. Precise: "true" (factually accurate)
 - b. Principled: "honorable" (religiously devout)
 - c. Pious: "right" (spiritually innocent)
 - d. Pure: "pure" (morally undefiled)
 - e. Pleasing: "lovely" (socially attractive)
 - f. Promising: "of good repute" (verbally commendable)
 - 2. Summary: "if there is..."
 - a. Preeminent: "any excellence" (appropriate)
 - b. Praiseworthy: "anything worthy of praise" (approved)
- **B. Exhortation #1:** "let your mind dwell on" (v.8b)

II. REPEAT: "practice these things" (v.9)

- **A. Example:** "The things you have..." (v.9a)
 - 1. Discipled: "learned" (observation)
 - 2. Desired: "received" (instruction)
 - 3. Discerned: "heard" (assimilation)
 - 4. Demonstrated: "seen" (illustration)
- **B. Exhortation #2:** "practice" (v.9b)
- C. Escort: "the God of peace...with you" (v.9c)

Next Week: "Contentment: Personal Unity