

# **God's Training Program: Volition and Thinking**

# **God's Training Emphasizes Two Factors:**

**1. Volition**

**2. Right thinking**

# **Phil 4:4–20 Emphasizes the Following**

## **7 Imperatives**

- **Rejoice (2×), 4:4**
- **Let your gentle attitude be known, 4:5**
- **Don't worry, 4:6**
- **Let your requests be made known to God, 4:6**
- **Think on these things, 4:8**
- **Practice these things, 4:9**

# **Phil 4:4–20 Emphasizes the Following**

## **Results:**

- **Peace of God protecting your soul, v. 7**
- **The God of peace will be with us, v. 9**
- **Surmount all circumstances through Christ, v. 13**

# **Phil 4:4–20 Emphasizes the Following**

## **Thinking**

- **Gentle, 4:5**
- **Hearts and minds are guarded, 4:7**
- **“Think” [meditate, concentrate] on these things, 4:9**
- **Learned, v. 9, 12 (2 different Greek words)**
- **Concerned (thoughtful), v. 10**
- **Knowing, v. 12 (2×), 15**

# **Phil 4:4–20 Emphasizes the Following**

**1 command related to discipline**

**Practice these things, v. 9**

**“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ,”  
1 Cor. 2:16.**

**“And do not be conformed to this world [the thinking of the age] but be transformed by the renewing of your mind [thinking], that you may demonstrate what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God,” Rom. 12:2.**



# History of PMA/Mind Control/Positive Confession/New Age Metaphysics

Neo Platonic Mysticism (Plotinus)    Hinduism

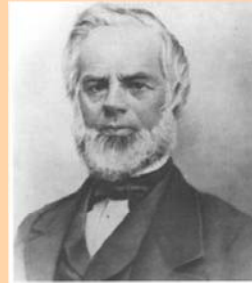
Transcendentalism

19<sup>th</sup> Cent. Idealism

New Thought Metaphysics

Phineas Parker Quimby

Mary Baker Eddy (Christian Science)



Theosophy

(Annie Besant, Alice A. Bailey,  
Helena Petrovna Blavatsky,  
Henry Steel)

Spiritualism, Astrology



Fabian Socialist



Humanist Psychologies

(Freud, Jung, Rogers, Maslow)



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“Name it, Claim It”  
Prosperity Gospel,  
Word of Faith  
Movement (E. W.  
Kenyan; Hagin,  
Roberts)

Norman Vincent Peale, “Positive Thinking”  
Robert Schuller, “Possibility Thinking”  
Motivational, Positive, “no sin”  
churches

Many “Christian”  
psychotherapy models

Modern “self-esteem”  
movement

Og Mandino

Napolean Hill  
*Think and Grow Rich*

Wm Paul Young,  
*The Shack*

Oprah Winfrey

**Positive Mental Attitude isn't optimism – it's  
mind control**

OVER HALF  
A MILLION SOLD!

# THE SEDUCTION OF CHRISTIANITY

SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT  
IN THE LAST DAYS



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**Phi 4:8, “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things.”**

1. **αληθης (*alethes*), “true, sincere, real, correct, faithful, trustworthy, genuine, veracious”**

**Psa. 31:5, “Into Your hand I commit my spirit;  
You have ransomed me, O LORD, God of  
truth.”**



**Psa. 119:142, “Your righteousness is an everlasting  
righteousness, and Your law is truth.”**

**Psa. 119:151, “You are near, O LORD, and all  
Your commandments are truth.”**

**Psa. 119:160, “The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.”**

**Prov. 3:3, “Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.”**

**Prov. 8:7, “For my mouth will utter truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.”**

**2. σεμνος (semnos), honourable, worthy of reverence, venerable, holy, noble, honorable”**

**OED: honorable, is the quality of moral excellence, moral virtue**

**3. δικαίος (*dikaios*), upright, just, righteous;  
just, right; that which conforms to the  
standards of God's own thought and  
integrity**

## 4. αγνος (*hagnos*), pure, holy



**5. προσφιλης *prospfiles*, kindly disposed,  
giving the benefit of the doubt to someone**

**6. ευφημος; (*euphemos*), sounding well; uttering words of good omen, speaking auspiciously. The idea here is carefully chosen words designed to say good things about a person.**

**7. αρετη (*arete*), virtue, a term to describe the highest quality of moral excellence**

**8. επαῖνος (*epainos*), praise, or praiseworthy**

# Phil. 4:8

just

pure

noble

lovely

true



good report

If there is any virtue

If there is any praise

THINK

on these things.

**Phi 4:9, “The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.”**

**Phil. 4:11, “Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be **content** in whatever circumstances I am.”**

***Autarkes*, self-sufficient, here  
sufficient in the provision of Christ**

**2 Cor. 3:5, “Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as *being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God,*”**



## **Phil. 4:12**

**“I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.”**

**Phil. 4:13, “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”**

**Phil. 4:14, “Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction.”**

**Phil. 4:15, “You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone;”**

**Phil. 4:16, “for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs.”**

**Phil. 4:17, “Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.”**

**Phil. 4:18, “But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.”**

**Phil. 4:19, “And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”**