

Practice Makes Perfect

Phil 4:8-9



Background: Practice makes perfect – we all know that! But just what exactly are we supposed to be practicing? And how do we know? And what kind of ‘Perfect’ should we be aiming for anyways? Come join us as we explore these questions and more, as we continue in Paul’s letter to the Philippians.

Sermon Text: Phil 4:8-9

I. THINK on these things

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

II. PRACTICE these things

⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things...

III. The Result

...and the God of peace will be with you.

Discussion Questions

1. Preparation

- a. As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you most?
- b. What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- c. What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?

2. Sermon questions (pick 3)

- a. What good news did you hear from the service Sunday?
- b. Of Paul's list in verse 8, which one do you think most about? Which one do you struggle with most? Explain.
- c. Honorable: What discriminations are a struggle for you? Who is it that you tend to give preference to? Explore the reasons why this is so and how you might work through it.
- d. Would you say that you come casually to God's Words? Or do you come to God's Word committed to standing under it and wrestling with it even if you don't like what it says?
- e. Look back over the past week. What voices shaped you most? What voices "disciplined" you? In what ways would you like to change your habits?
- f. Say Psalm 19:14 each morning this week:
May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight [today], LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.