

THINKING GOD'S WAY

Philippians 4:8

New International Version	King James Version	
Excellent (arete) moral excellence Will it motivate others to godly living?	Virtue	<p>The six descriptive terms used as adjectives in this verse indicate to us what is involved in "excellent" and "praiseworthy" thinking. "Excellent" (cf. 1 Peter 2:9; 2 Peter 1:3,5) thinking is that which rises above the mundane, transitory, hollow things of this world, to that which is of moral excellence...things that are associated with God's glory and power, things that have eternal value. If it's "praiseworthy" it meets God's approval.</p> <p>The opposite of dishonest and unreliable; that which is real or genuine. No mind fantasy.</p> <p>That which is dignified and worthy of respect; has seriousness of purpose and self-respect in conduct.</p> <p>That which is upright, righteous and conforming to the principles of God's Word...looking at things from God's perspective...consistent with the character of God.</p> <p>Wholesome, not mixed with moral impurity, the absence of anything that stains, defiles, contaminates, or corrupts, particularly in sexual matters.</p> <p>Promotes peace rather than conflict, attractive, pleasing, winsome, amiable, or agreeable.</p> <p>Positive and constructive, "to speak well of."</p>
Praiseworthy (epainos) Will it edify all who hear it?	Praise	
1. True (alethes) Will it give an accurate impression?	True	
2. Noble (semnos) honorable Should it be imitated by others?	Honest	
3. Right (dikaios) proper Is it appropriate to say at this time?	Just	
4. Pure (hagnos) uncontaminated Is it motivated by any pride or selfishness?	Pure	
5. Lovely (prospiles) pleasant Will it brighten the lives of all who hear it?	Lovely	
6. Admirable (euphema) esteem Will it damage anyone's reputation?	Good Report	

"FINALLY, BROTHERS, WHATEVER IS TRUE, WHATEVER IS NOBLE, WHATEVER IS RIGHT, WHATEVER IS PURE, WHATEVER IS LOVELY, WHATEVER IS ADMIRABLE--IF ANYTHING IS EXCELLENT OR PRAISEWORTHY--THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS."