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THINK ON THESE THINGS II

Introduction: "One of the most famous sculptures depicts a man in sober meditation battling with a powerful internal struggle. The statue is called "The Thinker". You and I are thinkers but what do we think?"

Philippians 4:8

"...whatever is LOVELY, whatever is ADMIRABLE - if anything is EXCELLENT or PRAISEWORTHY - think about such things."

V. LOVELY - _____ as opposed to _____

1. Seeks to be a _____
2. Seeks _____
3. Seeks to _____
 - Build _____ not _____
 - Throw _____ not _____

VI. ADMIRABLE - _____ as opposed to _____

Lit. - "_____ " - things which are fit for _____ to hear

1. "If you don't have something constructive to say, _____."
2. _____ before you speak
3. I'm going to _____ what I think
4. I "give them a _____ of my _____"

Eph 4:29 - "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

VII. EXCELLENT - _____ as opposed to _____

"arête" - only time Paul uses this word. It is descriptive of anything that is of superior quality

1. Business - _____ for excellence
2. Athletics - _____ star
3. Craftsman - _____ work

Thinking which brings out the very best in us and in others.

VIII. PRAISEWORTHY - _____ as opposed to _____

1. Always looks for the best in _____
2. Always looks for the good in _____

Conclusion: Moses sent 12 spies to search out the land. Two came back with _____. Twelve came back with _____. The difference was in their thinking.