

SCRIPTURE: God's Law (Ex. 20) & Proverbs 4

SINGING: 292:1, 2, 5 – 309:1-2 – 203:1-5 – 212:4-5 – 1:2 – 423:6-7

Let's Study Philippians (33)

THE SECRET OF A SWEET COMMUNION WITH GOD

I. Guard your thinking II. Watch your living

I. GUARD YOUR THINKING

A. The battle all saints experience is the *battle of the mind!*

1. Examples: Eph. 6:12; Gen. 3:1-3; Matt. 4:3-11; Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 10:5

2. Today we are in more troublous assaults on our mind then ever before

3. Suffering can foster negative thinking (context of Phil. 4:8)

B. God's call to His people: *guard your thinking* (8b)

1. to 'think on these things' is God's command

a. God's saints practiced this: Ps. 42; 77; 103; Lam. 3:21; Rom. 8:18; 2 Cor. 4

2. God's commands are always to *promote our well-being*

a. much information is both *mis-information* and *unneeded-information*

b. yet no information is *innocent*

3. God's boundaries are like filters – reference points: vs. 8

II. IMITATE PAUL'S LIVING

A. All good counsel and wisdom is only good if we practice it

1. Calling himself an example is not *arrogance in Paul* (Eph. 3:8; 1 Tim 1:15)

2. Calling himself an example is a *confirmation of truth of vs. 6-8!*

Reflection & Response: What will you take away from this portion?