

ATTITUDES ONLY GOD CAN PRODUCE
Philippians 4:1-9

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COMMON CAUSES OF DISCOURAGEMENT:

Other people Things
Circumstances Ourselves

HOW WE USUALLY RESPOND TO DISCOURAGEMENT:

We focus on _____.

We try to _____.

HOW WE SHOULD DEAL WITH DISCOURAGEMENT

1. Stand firm in the Lord. 4:1
2. Be of one mind. 4:2-3
3. Rejoice in the Lord always. 4:4
4. Think calmly from God's perspective. 4:5
5. Present your requests to God. 4:6-7

"Stop _____!"

Continually _____.

Present your requests _____.

Result: God's peace protects *both* our _____ and _____.

6. Focus on things that lead to godliness. 4:8
The power of godly thinking.
Our sources of negative thinking:

Epitome of proper thinking: _____!

FIX OUR FOCUS ON _____; NOT ON _____!

7. Practice what you've learned. 4:9
Walk in the light you have. Phil. 3:16; Eph. 5:8-10
Imitate the example you've seen.

_____ **properly** (4:8)

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produces _____

_____ **properly** (4:9)

WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO DO WITH THESE PRINCIPLES?