# When Six is Enough!



# 7 = Perfection

Philippians I:I (KJV) — I Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons

Philippians 4:16 (KJV) — 16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

2 Corinthians II:8 (KJV) — 8 I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service.

Philippians 1:29 (KJV) — 29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake

Philippians 4:2 (KJV) — 2 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.

Philippians 2:25 (KJV) — 25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.

Philippians 2:24 (KJV) — 24 But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

Philippians 4:1-3 (KJV) — I Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. 2 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche,, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.

Philippians 4:4–7 (KJV) — 4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

This text is but short, nevertheless it abounds with true christian doctrine. In the first place, we are instructed how we ought to behave ourselves toward God: and in the second place, how we ought to conduct ourselves toward our neighbours. (Martin Luther, Sermon on Philippians 4:4–7.)

Philippians 4:8 (KJV) — 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

- \*True
- \*Honest
- \* Just
- \*Pure
- **\*Lovely**
- \*Things of good report

Revelation 12:17 (KJV) — 17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

### True = $\dot{\alpha}\lambda\eta\theta\eta\varsigma$ (alēthēs)

We come now to a list of Christian virtues which Paul exhorts the saints to make the subject of careful reflection. The word "true" in the Greek text does not mean "truthful" in the sense of veracious, but true in character in the widest sense. (Wuest's Word Studies in the Greek New Testament, vol. 5, 110)

**John 3:33 (KJV)** — 33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.

John 14:6 (KJV) — 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me

I Corinthians I3:6 (KJV) — 6 [Love]

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Honest =  $\sigma \epsilon \mu \nu \delta \varsigma$  (semnos)

I Timothy 3:8 (KJV) — 8 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

I Timothy 3:11 (KJV) — II Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

**Titus 2:2 (KJV)** — 2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

# Just = $\delta$ ikatos (dikaios)

pertaining to being proper or right in the sense of being fully justified—'proper, right (Louw-Nida)

to being in accordance with high standards of rectitude, upright, just, fair (BDAG)

Revelation 22:11 (KJV) — II He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is **righteous**, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still

Matthew 1:19 (KJV) — 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

# Pure = $\dot{\alpha}\gamma\gamma\dot{\alpha}\varsigma$ (hagnos)

2 Corinthians II:2 (KJV) — 2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a **chaste** virgin to Christ.

### Lovely = $\pi \rho o \sigma \phi i \lambda \eta \varsigma$ (prosphilēs)

We come now to a list of Christian virtues which Paul exhorts the saints to make the subject of careful reflection. The word "Lovely" speaks of that which is adapted to excite love and to endear him who does such things. One could translate by the words, "winsome, pleasing, amiable." (Wuest's Word Studies in the New Testament, vol. 5, pp 110, 111)" in the Greek text does not mean "truthful" in the sense of veracious, but true in character in the widest sense. (Wuest's Word Studies in the Greek New Testament, vol. 5, 110)

I John 2:15–17 (KJV) — 15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. I7 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

#### good report = εὕφημος (euphēmos)



- \*The great reality of truth
- \*That which is reverend or dignified
- \*That which is correct, righteous, by implication, innocent
- \*That which is free from ceremonial defilement
- \*The things adapted to excite love
- \*The things that are commendable or admirable

I. to determine by mathematical process, reckon, calculate . . . to give careful thought to a matter, think (about), consider, ponder, let one's mind dwell on (BDAG).

**Proverbs 23:7 (KJV)** — 7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Isaiah 26:3 (KJV) — 3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.