

## BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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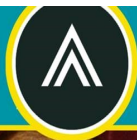
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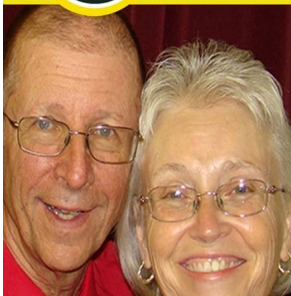
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## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Luther & Martha Smith | Papua New Guinea



### PRAISE

- Luther and Martha returned to the USA and it was great to reunite with children, grandchildren, and meet their first 2 great grandchildren.
- Great news in Wau! Souls are being saved and the work of the Lord is going forward.

### PRAY

- Pray traveling mercies as the Smiths begin their travels to report to churches and rejoice with all God is doing in Papua New Guinea. The current plan is to visit churches until April 2025.
- Pray for Dawn. She is out of the hospital but needs strength to fight infections daily.
- Pray for Bible School, 2 families will graduate in December to begin ministry. Pray for the expansion plans for the school and for the government paperwork for the school property.
- Pray for Verda and Gary Keck who are holding down the fort while the Smiths are away.

# ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING

Handout: 11/03/24

Study Date: 11/10/24

## Win The Battle For Your Mind

For the one who is serious about following Jesus, it can sometimes be hard to know what to do. Here is concrete instruction for the transformation that comes from the renewal of the mind (Ro 12:1-3). It could also be called a way to abide in Christ (Jn 15).

The mind is the starting point for behavior. When the evil one wants to entice a person to sin, he starts in the mind. He speaks lies and condemnation until he gets the emotional response that he is looking for. Then he whispers suggestions of ways to calm or alleviate the emotion that would cause the person to disobey God in some way.

But Paul gives the Philippians a way to beat Satan at his own game. Instead of waiting for Satan, the world, or your own brokenness, feed your mind with good things, positive things, godly things. Think about Christ himself. Be present with God in this moment. Watch the emotions follow, and the godly behaviors after that.

### #1 “Finally, brethren,”

Paul has written a rich letter with both the indicative and imperatives of the faith. Now he finishes with a powerful imperative for his fellow Christians in Philippi.

### #2 “whatever is true,”

All the other whatever’s hinge on this one. Anything they “think about” must be true. Satan would have us think about his lies. God would have us counter the lies with the only thing that can counter them, the truth, and then think about these things.

### #3 “whatever is noble,”

There is nothing noble about Satan and the darkness. Let our thoughts fall into the category of the noble, and of high moral principles.

### #4 “whatever is just,”

Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness. This simply means loving what is right, and doing what is right because it is right. In order to do right, one must think about what is right.

### #5 “whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good report—if there is any virtue or anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”

The rest of the list is meant to be all-encompassing. This is active work, and the main point is that as we are to think about these things, and we are not thinking about the things of darkness.

Resource: [Connectusfund.org](http://Connectusfund.org)

## KEY VERSE

Philippians 4:8 (NKJV)

*“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”*

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Monday: Philippians 4:8

#### Introduction

1. According to paragraph 2 on page 1, who do we need to “beware of” whispering into our ears and filling our heads with lies?
2. How often are YOU “*meditating on whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, are lovely, are praiseworthy*”?

### Tuesday: Phl. 4:8; Proverbs 23:7a; II Cor. 10:5; Isaiah 26:3

#### Harness The Power Of Your Thoughts

3. What simple but important “truth” is revealed to us in Proverbs 23:7a?
4. How are we to react to “*things that exalt themselves against the knowledge of God*”? What does II Corinthians 10:5 instruct us to do with our thoughts?

### Wednesday: Phl. 4:8; Psalm 119:30; Proverbs 12:22; Deut. 6:18

#### Rivet Your Mind On Things That Are True, Noble And Just

5. Psalm 119:30 begins with “*I have chosen the way of truth.*” How can we relate this verse to Proverbs 12:22? Why must we always “*deal truthfully*”?
6. What is Deuteronomy 6:18 calling us to as believers? What promise are we given if we “*do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord*”?

### Thursday: Philippians 4:8; Job 31:1; I Peter 4:8; I Thess. 1:3

#### Rivet Your Mind On Things That Are Pure, Lovely And Of Good Report

7. In Job:31:3 the author states that he has “*made a covenant with my eyes.*” What obedience is this verse calling us to in terms of our “moral purity”?
8. What is the simple and beautiful message I Peter 4:8 is conveying to us as believers? What does it teach us about using love to conquer sin?
9. I Thessalonians 1:3 presents us with clear instruction; “*remembering without ceasing your work of faith.*” What then does this verse tell us to pursue?

### Friday: Phl. 4:8; Psalm 19:7-9; Romans 12:2; Psalm 119:165

#### Marinate Your Thoughts In The Bible

10. Philippians 4:8 says “*if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.*” What do YOU meditate on?
11. Psalm 19:7-9 essentially gives us a “list of truths” to model our thoughts after. How can we implement this list into our everyday lives?
12. Romans 12:2 says to “*not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*” What must we meditate on to achieve this?