

Good Thinking - Part 8 – Perfection

...to be Perfect

Philippians 3

¹⁵ Let us therefore, as many as be **perfect**, **be thus minded**: and **if in any thing** ye be **otherwise minded**, God shall **reveal** even this unto you.

Perfect – [NT:5046](#) τέλειος **teleios** (tel'-i-os); from [NT:5056](#); complete (in various applications of labor, growth, mental and moral character, etc.); neuter (as noun, with [NT:3588](#)) completeness: **KJV** - of full age, man, perfect.

...from – [NT:5056](#) τέλος **telos** (tel'-os); from a primary tello (to set out for a definite point or goal); properly, the point aimed at as a limit, i.e. (by implication) the conclusion of an act or state (termination [literally, figuratively or indefinitely], result [immediate, ultimate or prophetic], purpose); specifically, an impost or levy (as paid):**KJV** - + continual, custom, end (-ing), finally, uttermost.

Be thus minded – [NT:5426](#) φρονέω **phroneo** (fron-eh'-o); from [NT:5424](#); to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively, **to interest oneself in** (with **concern or obedience**):

KJV - **set the affection on**, (be) care (-ful), (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed), regard, savour, think.

Otherwise minded – [NT:2088](#) ἑτέρωσ **heteros** (het-er'-oce); adverb from [NT:2087](#); differently: **KJV** - otherwise.

Reveal – [NT:601](#) ἀποκαλύπτω **apokalupto** (ap-ok-al-ooop'-to); from [NT:575](#) and [NT:2572](#); to take off the cover, i.e. disclose: **KJV** - reveal.

Genesis 6 Noah

⁹ These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and **perfect** in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

2 Samuel 22 David

³² For who is God, save the LORD? and who is a rock, save our God?

³³ God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.

³⁴ He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places.

Job 2 Job

³ And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a **perfect** and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

1 Kings 15 Solomon...

³ And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and **his heart was not perfect** with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.

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Philippians 3 (Cont)

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2 Chronicles 25 Amaziah...

¹ Amaziah was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

² And he **did that which was right** in the sight of the LORD, but **not with a perfect heart**.

Philippians 3

¹⁶ Nevertheless, whereto **we have already attained**, let us **walk by the same rule**, let us **mind the same thing**.

We have already attained – NT:5348 φθάνω **phthano** (fthan'-o); apparently a primary verb; to be beforehand, i.e. anticipate or precede; by extension, to have arrived at: **KJV** - (already) attain, come, prevent.

We have **already arrived** but walk as though it had to be earned. Walk the same way Paul walked who walked by the rules given him and which he also gave.

Walk – NT:4748 στοιχέω **stoicheo** (stoy-kheh'-o); from a derivative of steicho (to range in regular line); to march in (military) rank (keep step), i.e. (figuratively) to conform to virtue and piety: **KJV** - walk (orderly).

Matthew 5

⁴⁸ Be ye therefore **perfect**, even as **your Father** which is in heaven is **perfect**.

Luke 6

⁴⁰ The disciple is not above his master: but **every one that is perfect shall be as his master**.

...mind the same thing

1 Corinthians 1

¹⁰ Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all **speak the same thing**, and that there be **no divisions** among you; but that ye **be perfectly joined together in the same mind** and in the **same judgment**.

Acts 26

²⁵ But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but **speak forth the words of truth and soberness**.

1 Corinthians 2

¹³ Which things also we **speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth**, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

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Philippians 3 (cont)

¹⁶ Nevertheless, whereto **we have already attained**, let us **walk by the same rule**, let us **mind the same thing**.

2 Corinthians 2

¹⁷ For we are not as many, which corrupt the **word** of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God **speak** we in Christ.

2 Corinthians 13

¹¹ Finally, brethren, farewell. **Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind [same interest], live in peace**; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

perfect – [NT:2675](#) καταρτίζω **katartizo** (kat-ar-tid'-zo); from [NT:2596](#) and a derivative of [NT:739](#); to **complete thoroughly**, i.e. repair (literally or figuratively) or **adjust**:

KJV - fit, frame, mend, (make) perfect (-ly join together), prepare, restore.

Philippians 3

¹⁷ Brethren, **be followers** together of me, and **mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample**.

Mark – [NT:4648](#) σκοπέω **skopeo** (skop-eh'-o); from [NT:4649](#); to take aim at (spy), i.e. (figuratively) **regard**: **KJV** - consider, **take heed**, look at (on), mark.

...from – [NT:4649](#) σκοπός **skopos** (skop-os') ("scope"); from skeptomai (to peer about ["skeptical"]); perhaps akin to [NT:4626](#) through the idea of concealment; compare [NT:4629](#); a **watch** (sentry or scout), i.e. (by implication) a goal: **KJV** - mark.

Psalm 37

³⁷ **Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright**: for the end of that man is peace.

Romans 12

² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye **transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may **prove** what is that **good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God**.

2 Corinthians 12

⁹ And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength **is made perfect in weakness**. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Ephesians 4

¹¹ And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

¹³ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a **perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ**:

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Colossians 1

²⁷ To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

²⁸ Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may **present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:**

²⁹ Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

2 Timothy 3

¹⁶ All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Good thinking of the perfect leads to good works...always.

Hebrews 13

²⁰ Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead **our Lord Jesus**, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

²¹ **Make you perfect in every good work to do his will**, working in you that which is **wellpleasing in his sight**, through Jesus Christ; **to whom be glory** for ever and ever. Amen

Philippians 3

¹⁸ (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

Walk – [NT:4043](#) περιπατέω **peripateo** (per-ee-pat-eh'-o); from [NT:4012](#) and [NT:3961](#); to tread all around, i.e. walk at large (especially as proof of ability); figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary):

KJV - go, be occupied with, walk (about).

Enemies – [NT:2190](#) ἐχθρός **echthros** (ech-thros'); from a primary echtho (to hate); hateful (passively, odious, or actively, hostile); usually as a noun, an adversary (especially Satan): **KJV** - enemy, foe.

Philippians 3

¹⁹ Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose [their] glory is in their shame, who mind [think] earthly [worldly] things.)

Destruction – [NT:684](#) ἀπώλεια **apoleia** (ap-o'-li-a); from a presumed derivative of [NT:622](#); ruin or loss (physical, spiritual or eternal):

KJV - damnable (-nation), destruction, die, perdition, ^xperish, pernicious ways, waste.

Belly – [NT:2836](#) κοιλία **koilia** (koy-lee'-ah); from koilos ("hollow"); a cavity, i.e. (especially) the abdomen; by implication, the matrix; figuratively, the heart:

KJV - belly, womb.

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Shame – [NT:152](#) αἰσχύνη **aischune** (ahee-skhoo'-nay); from [NT:153](#); shame or disgrace (abstractly or concretely): **KJV** - dishonesty, shame.

Proverbs 20

²⁷ The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the **belly**.

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Philippians 3 (cont)

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Romans 16

¹⁷ Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine** which ye have learned; and **avoid them.**

¹⁸ For they that are such **serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly**; and by **good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.**

¹⁹ For your **obedience** is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

Philippians 3

²⁰ For **our conversation is in heaven**; from whence also **we look for the Saviour**, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Conversation – [NT:4175](#) πολίτευμα **politeuma** (pol-it'-yoo-mah); from [NT:4176](#); a community, i.e. (abstractly) citizenship (figuratively):

[NT:4176](#) πολιτεύομαι **politeuomai** (pol-it-yoo'-om-ahee); middle voice of a derivative of [NT:4177](#); to behave as a citizen (figuratively):

KJV - let conversation be,

Behave – is the way we conduct ourselves...and Good thinking is the adjustment of our actions according to the desires of our Saviour...The LORD Jesus CHRIST our deliverer!

Saviour – [NT:4990](#) σωτήρ **soter** (so-tare'); from [NT:4982](#); a deliverer, i.e. God or Christ:
KJV - saviour.

1 Corinthians 2

⁶ Howbeit we **speak wisdom among them that are perfect**: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

Among the perfect who are perfected according to Good thinking, we are heard to be those who speak wisdom... Good thinkers hear Good thinking...

James 1

³ Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

⁴ But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Patience – [NT:5281](#) ὑπομονή **hupomone** (hoop-om-on-ay'); from [NT:5278](#); cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy:

KJV - enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting).

⁵ **If any of you lack wisdom**, let him **ask of God**, that **giveth to all men liberally**, and upbraideth not; and **it shall be given him.**

*Amazingly...some will hear these words and will postpone the request for later...
...this is not good thinking!*

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Philippians 3 (cont)

²⁰ For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

...Bad thinking makes me think that some think somehow that God is not able to change our thinking or adjust our behaviour...

I wonder how these think of the promise to perfect not only our thinking...
...but also our physical bodies...

How could anyone think that could change us physically if they did not think that God could change them mentally...

...perhaps the same who have not been changed spiritually...

God gives us a perfect heart, and a perfect mind, and a perfect LIFE...to go with a perfect body so that we can enjoy living in a perfect place with our perfect LORD God and Father...our Christ!

Philippians 3

²¹ Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Change – [NT:3345](#) μετασχηματίζω **metaschematizo** (met-askh-ay-mat-id'-zo); from [NT:3326](#) and a derivative of [NT:4976](#); to transfigure or disguise; figuratively, to apply (by accommodation): **KJV** - transfer, transform (self).

Vile – [NT:5014](#) ταπεινώσις **tapeinosis** (tap-i'-no-sis); from [NT:5013](#); depression (in rank or feeling): **KJV** - humiliation, be made low, Isdow estate, vile.

Fashioned like – [NT:4832](#) συμμορφός **summorphos** (soom-mor-fos'); from [NT:4862](#) and [NT:3444](#); jointly formed, i.e. (figuratively) similar: **KJV** - conformed to, fashioned like unto.

Body – [NT:4983](#) σῶμα **soma** (so'-mah); from [NT:4982](#); the body (as a sound whole), used in a very wide application, literally or figuratively: **KJV** - bodily, body, slave.

Working – [NT:1753](#) ἐνέργεια **energeia** (en-erg'-i-ah); from [NT:1756](#); efficiency ("energy"): **KJV** - operation, strong, (effectual) working.

...from – [NT:1754](#) ἐνεργέω **energeo** (en-erg-eh'-o); from [NT:1756](#); to be active, efficient:

Subdue – [NT:5293](#) ὑποτάσσω **hupotasso** (hoop-ot-as'-so); from [NT:5259](#) and [NT:5021](#); to subordinate; reflexively, to obey: **KJV** - be under obedience (obedient), put under, subdue unto, (be, make) subject (to, unto), be (put) in subjection (to, under), submitself unto.

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Philippians 3 (cont)

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1 Corinthians 13

¹⁰ But when that which is **perfect** is come, then that which is **in part** shall be **done away**.

John 17

²² And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

²³ I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made **perfect in one**; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

²⁴ Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, **be with me** where I am; that **they may behold my glory**, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

1 John 4 ...His love manifest in and through us for one another...

¹² No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and **his love is perfected in us**.

1 John 4 ...boldness

¹⁷ Herein is our love made **perfect**, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

1 John 4 ...without fear!

¹⁸ There is no fear in love; **but perfect love casteth out fear**: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made **perfect in love**.

*Good Thinking may be defined according to our understanding of His Word...
...and wisdom to do according to His Work...*

Good thinking then is defined very simply and perfectly:

James 3

² For in many things we offend all. If any man **offend not in word**, the same is a **perfect** man, and able also to **bridle** the whole body.

Offend – [NT:4417](#) πταίω **ptaio** (ptah'-yo); a form of [NT:4098](#); to trip, i.e. (figuratively) to err, sin, fail (of salvation):

KJV - fall, offend, stumble.

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Bridle – [NT:5468](#) χαλιναγωγέω **chalinagogeō** (khal-in-ag-ogue-eh'-o); from a compound of [NT:5469](#) and the reduplicated form of [NT:71](#); to be a bit-leader, i.e. to curb (figuratively):

KJV - bridle.