

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was highly admired by countless people. Notably, fellow justice Antonin Scalia was one of her best friends, though they strongly disagreed on many of the cases set before the court. What was it that fueled the admiration they had for each other?

Who do you admire and what's behind your thoughts about such people? What did Paul have in mind when, inspired by the Holy Spirit, he instructs Christ followers, regardless of the circumstances to ***think about whatever is admirable***.

Terms, Contrasts, and Conditions:

We are to organize our thoughts around whatever is admirable because...

- **God is worthy of praise**

- **God is present and listening in**

- ***God understands us***

- **God is for us**

Personal Application and Conversations

1. Some translations of this text say we are to think about “whatever things are of good report.” Some quip, if there wasn’t any bad news, there wouldn’t be any news at all. But, what’s so bad about a “bad report” now and then?
2. What can I do to stimulate thoughts that are admirable or praiseworthy?
3. What is holding me back from thinking about whatever is admirable when it comes to my thoughts about _____?
4. What can I do to weed out thoughts that are far from admirable and feed my thoughts that are praiseworthy of God, people, and the circumstances of my life?
5. How am I weeding and feeding my thought life?



The Fear of the Lord

Whatever is Admirable

Philippians 4:8

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