

THE SECRET OF A GREAT COUNTRY
A Study of Philippians 4:8-9

Two Ways in which Righteousness Builds a Country:

1. Righteousness P_____ a Country:

When the Lord intended to destroy Sodom, Abraham asked:

“Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of fifty RIGHTEOUS people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing...will not the Judge of all the earth do right?” The Lord said, “If I find fifty RIGHTEOUS people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

-Genesis 18:24-26

2. Righteousness E_____ a Country:

RIGHTEOUSNESS exalts a nation, but SIN is a disgrace to any people. -Proverbs 14:35

THE RIGHTEOUS LIFE IS CHARACTERIZED BY:

1. *Whatever is true* – the H_____ as opposed to the D_____:

2. *Whatever is noble* – the H_____ as opposed to the S_____:

The word “noble” is translated from the Greek *σεμνος* which literally means: That which has the dignity of HOLINESS upon it.

Can you label it with “Holiness unto the Lord”?

3. *Whatever is right* – the R_____ as opposed to the C_____:

The word “right” is translated from the Greek *δικαιος* which literally means: D_____ faced and D_____ done.

4. *Whatever is pure* – the P_____ as opposed to the S_____:

5. *Whatever is lovely* – the L_____ as opposed to the D_____:

6. *Whatever is admirable* – the F_____S_____ as opposed to the U_____L_____:

The word “admirable” comes from the Greek *εὐφημα* which literally means: Things which are fit for GOD to hear.

7. *If anything is excellent* – the E_____ as opposed to the I_____:

8. *If anything is...praiseworthy* – the P_____ as opposed to the N_____:

APPLICATION: Steps to righteous living:

1. T_____ right: THINK about such things. -Philippians 4:8

For as a man THINKS in his heart, so is he. -Proverbs 23:7

...take captive every THOUGHT to make it obedient to Christ. -2 Corinthians 10:5

...offer your bodies as living sacrifices...this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your MIND. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is. -Romans 12:1-2

2. B_____ right: *Whatever you have learned, or received or heard from me or seen in me...*
-Philippians 4:9a

3. B_____ right: *...put it into PRACTICE.* -Philippians 4:9b

4. F_____ right: *And the God of peace will be with YOU* -Philippians 4:9c

Now that you know these things you will be BLESSED if you do them. -John 13:17