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 Greater Hartford Chapter
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- Opening prayer / praise reports
- Introductions
- Today's Topic: **Is your thinking stinking?**



In conclusion, my friends, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise; things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable. (Phil 4:8)

Negative = habitually skeptical or resistant to ideas, orders, or suggestions from others
 Cynical = believing that all human action has selfish motives
 Pessimistic = tendency to take the least hopeful view, to anticipate the worst

Positive = confident, constructive, helpful, affirming, approving, accepting
 Idealistic = practice of seeing things in ideal form; pursuit of high-minded, worthy goals
 Optimistic = disposition to expect the best possible outcome; to emphasize the most positive aspects of a situation

As business owners, leaders, and citizens, it is SO EASY to allow our thought lives to descend into negativity, cynicism and pessimism. However, Paul exhorts us to make the freewill choice not to go there. It doesn't mean we live in la-la land. It doesn't mean we're ignorant or naïve. But we are here to be victorious overcomers, to be stars shining in a dark world. We shine more brightly when we fill our minds with positive, idealistic, optimistic thoughts.

Are you struggling with stinking thinking today? If so, why? What's up? What's bogging you down? What are the worries, doubts and fears that are polluting your thought life today?

Evaluate yourself from 1 (weak) to 10 (strong) in your positive thinking today.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by becoming more positive?										
What specific actions can you take to increase your positivity?										

- Summer social at the Leavitts' home on 8/28 @ 4 pm.
- September meetings here on 9/7 and 9/21 @ 7:30 am.
- FCCI global conference in Miami on 9/25-29.
- Closing prayer