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“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things” (Philippians 4:8, NIV).

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“If a man marries a woman who becomes displeasing to him because he finds something indecent about her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house” (Deuteronomy 24:1, NIV).

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1. Make a continuing commitment to faithfulness.

2. Monitor your thoughts.

3. Magnify your communication.

4. Minimize your opportunity for temptation.

“Avoid all appearance of evil” (1 Thessalonians 5:22, NIV).

5. Maintain a healthy spiritual life.