

## Daily Devotion For January 4, 2022

Finally, brethren, 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

In about an hour or so, I’m meeting my brother Ken and taking off to see the Golden State Warriors versus the Miami Heat at the Chase Center. Thanks to a number of folks that were in the Sansei Yonsei group when I was the director back in the early 1980’s, I have two lower deck tickets.

With Covid-19 and the Omicron variant I feel a sense of insecurity about gathering with thousands of people and not knowing if they are carrying the virus or not. Another thing that makes feel a bit anxious is that my tickets are on a smartphone app and my covid-19 status is also on an app. Wow, how the world has changed. I think I would prefer the ancient practice of handing the employees a ticket.

Looking back at 2021, COVID-19 has changed our lives. We have seen illness, death, job loss, social unrest, increased anxiety, and a loss of normalcy in our lives. We now “do” church via zoom as well as our church meetings. We are grieving over many things, including the sense of security many thought we possessed. But the truth is, the only things we can control are our own reactions and attitudes to what is put before us!

**Thought For Today:** Your attitude is a choice. We can choose to be victors over life’s changing circumstances or victims of it. How is your attitude towards life’s uncertainties? Are you choosing to be a victor or victim? Reflect on Philippians 4:8 and let that verse guide your attitude.

**Today’s Prayer Focus:** Thank God that He knows the future even when we don’t. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. (I Peter 5:7). Pray for Marilyn Uwate and family at the passing of Walt early yesterday morning. Deo Volente.