

Love God



with all your mind

Key scriptures

Mark 12:30
Romans 12:2
1 Corinthians 2:10-16
2 Corinthians 10:5

Main Points

1. The faith God is calling us to is heart/spirit led, but it is not ignorant and mindless.
2. Our minds are created by God, and He wants us to love Him with them. (*Mark 12:30*)
3. To love God with our mind we need to lay it down and surrender to Him our thinking, our theology, and our preconceived ideas about Him, ourselves, and the Kingdom. (*John 15:13, Luke 22:42*)
4. To love God with our mind we must give Him all we have in our mind, trusting Him to give back to us what is true and cast away what is not.
5. With an unrenewed mind we can take any scripture and twist it to all kinds of ungodly conclusions (*e.g. Ephesians 6:5, Titus 2:9, Proverbs 13:24, 1 Samuel 15:2-3*).
6. Our mind is renewed when we offer it to God as a living sacrifice, allowing Him to sanctify it and restore it and His thinking to us. This is a spiritual process. (*Romans 12:2*)
7. A mind surrendered to God can be taught, counselled, guided, and sanctified by Him – then we can receive and understand the revelation He has for us and step into it. (*1 Corinthians 2:10-16, e.g. Acts 10*)
8. A renewed mind is hardwired with the Holy Spirit, He becomes an active part of our processing.
9. The unredeemed thoughts that God is calling us to capture are our own. (*2 Corinthians 10:5*)
10. Walking and engaging daily with His Spirit will enable us to identify ungodly thinking, repent of it, and be renewed.

Questions

1. What is God saying to you through this message and scriptures?
2. What might it look like to “lay down your mind?”
3. Do you have testimony of thoughts that you have had to capture and make obedient to Christ? Share
4. Discuss how you can encourage each other to walk closer in fellowship with the Holy Spirit, God’s word, and each other to see your mind renewed, and to love Him with more and more of your mind each day.

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