

**Mark 12:30** "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your **mind** and with all your strength." (NIV)

## HOW TO LOVE GOD WITH MY MIND

### 1. LEARN diligently.

**Proverbs 9:9** "Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to his learning." (NIV)

(a) Learn about GOD's WORD.

**Psalms 19:7-11** "7 The Law of the Lord is **perfect**, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are **trustworthy**, making wise the simple. 8 The precepts of the Lord are **right**, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are **radiant**, giving light to the eyes. 9 The fear of the Lord is **pure**, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are **firm** and all of them are righteous. 10 They are more **precious** than gold, than much pure gold; they are **sweeter** than honey; than honey from the honeycomb. 11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward." (NIV)

(b) Learn about God's WORLD.

**Psalms 19:1** "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands." (NIV)

### 2. THINK carefully.

**Romans 8:5-8** "5 Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. 6 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. 7 For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. 8 That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God." (NLT)

(a) Think BIBLICALLY.

**Romans 12:1-2** “<sup>1</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform 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—His good, pleasing and perfect will.” (NIV)

(b) Think STRATEGICALLY.

**Philippians 4:8** “... 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.” (NIV)

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### 3. APPLY significantly.

**James 1:22** “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” (NIV)

(a) Use your mind to SOLVE PROBLEMS.

**Romans 12:13** “When God's children are in need, **you be the one to help them out**. And get into the habit of inviting guests home for inner or, if they need lodging, for the night.” (LB)

(b) Use your mind to DEFEND THE FAITH.

**1 Peter 3:15** “But in your hearts, revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” (NIV)

**BOTTOM LINE: The best way to love God with my mind is to KNOW Jesus.**

**John 17:3** “And this is eternal life: that they may **know** you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” (NIV)

**John 14:6** “... I am the way and **the truth** and the life ...” (NIV)

**John 8:31-31** <sup>31</sup> ... If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup>  
Then you will **know the truth**, and the truth will set you free." (NIV)