




Loving God
WITH OUR MIND

Jesus replied:

**“Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.”**

(Matthew 22:37; cf. Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27)



Loving God with our minds entails
actively using our minds
to know and comprehend God
to the fullest extent possible



Consecrate

OUR MIND TO GOD

(Ephesians 4:22-24)

The Old Self

- Former way of life
- Corrupted by deceitful desires
- Blinded by the devil (Ephesians 2:2; 2 Corinthians 4:4)
- Dead in Sin, Darkened, Unwise (Ephesians 2:1; 4:18; 5:8, 15)



Put On the New Self

- Able to know Christ (“You were taught”)
- Renewed mind
- Created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness
- Alive in Christ, Live in the Light, Wise (Ephesians 2:5; 5:8, 15)

Consecrate our mind to the Lord

- *Fight* the battles in our mind
(2 Corinthians 10:4-5)
- *Focus* on godly virtues in our mind
(Philippians 4:8)
 - true, noble, right, pure, lovely,
admirable, excellent, praiseworthy

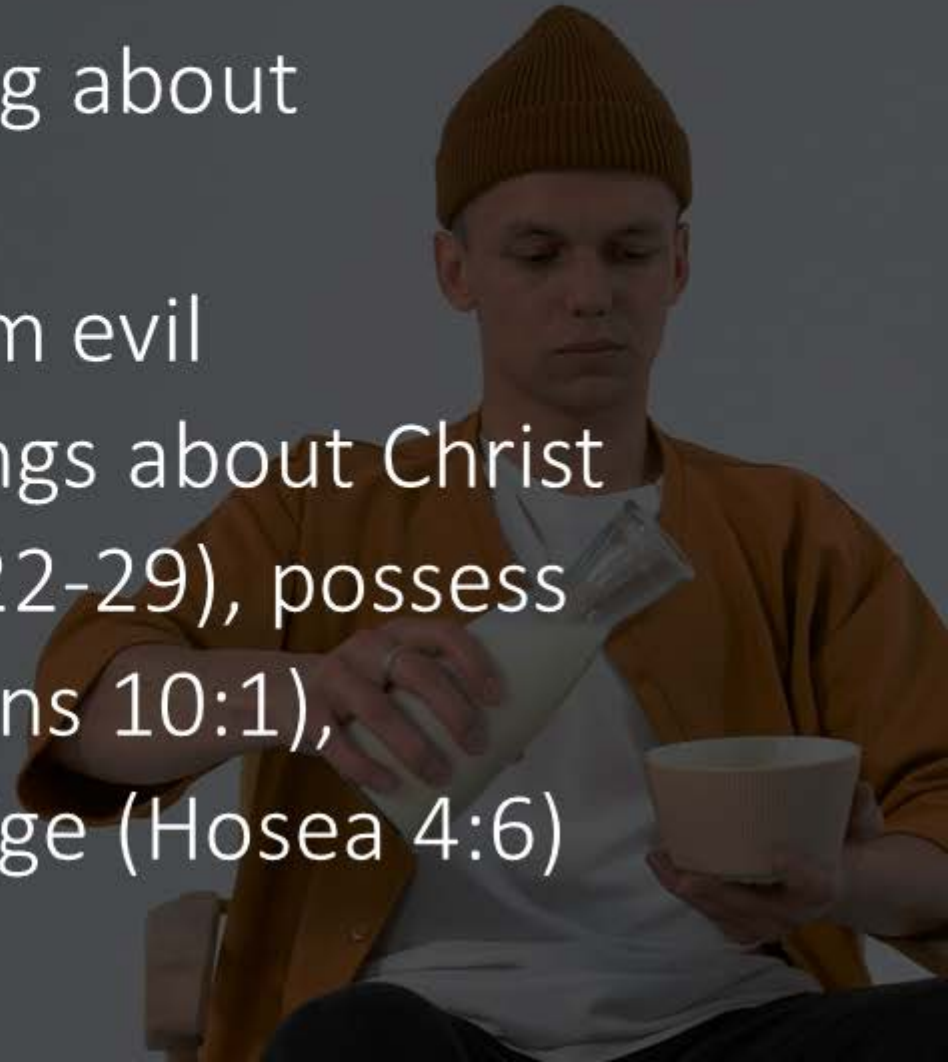
Grow & Deepen

OUR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

(Hebrews 5:13 - 6:1)

Milk Christians

- Still an infant, lives on milk
- Unacquainted with the teaching about righteousness
- Unable to distinguish good from evil
- Happy with elementary teachings about Christ
- Spurn knowledge (Proverbs 1:22-29), possess zeal without knowledge (Romans 10:1), destroyed by a lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6)



A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a person with long, wavy blonde hair reading a Bible. The person is wearing a colorful, patterned top and a grey sweater. The Bible is open, and their hand is resting on the pages. The background is dark and out of focus.

Solid Food Christians

- Disciples, living on solid food
- Trained to distinguish good from evil
- Pressing on to maturity
- Growing in grace and knowledge
(2 Peter 3:18)

A close-up, dimly lit photograph of a person with long, wavy hair reading a Bible. The person is wearing a colorful, patterned shirt. The Bible is open, and their hands are visible on the pages. The background is dark and out of focus.

Grow and Deepen your knowledge of God

- *Delight* in God's Word daily (Psalm 1:1-2; 119:16)
- *Devote* to Accurate Study of God's Word (2 Timothy 2:15)

A man in a red jacket stands on a rocky outcrop, looking towards a large, powerful waterfall. The scene is misty and atmospheric, with the waterfall dominating the left side of the frame. The man is positioned on the right side, looking towards the left.

Make Room

**FOR GOD'S THOUGHTS
IN OUR MIND**

(Psalm 139:17)

Memory Verse

“How precious to me are your thoughts, God!

How vast is the sum of them!”

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The Restless Mind (Ecclesiastes 2:22-23)

- Stress and Anxiety
- Lack of Sleep
- Unresolved Issues

A silhouette of a man with glasses looking upwards against a bright, golden sun. The background is a soft, hazy landscape.

Finding Time for God's Thoughts

Jesus intentionally sought the Heavenly Father

- Before making an important decision (Luke 6:12)
- After an intense ministry (Luke 5:16)
- After a full day's work (Matthew 14:23)
- After receiving news of John the Baptist's death (Matthew 14:13)

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