

# LOVING GOD WITH ALL MY MIND

## Greater Reward: Part 4

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

## WHY I MUST MANAGE MY MIND

### 1. BECAUSE MY THOUGHTS CONTROL MY LIFE.

*"Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts."* (Proverbs 4:23, GNB)

*"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he..."* (Proverbs 23:7, AMP)

### 2. BECAUSE MY MIND IS A SPIRITUAL BATTLEGROUND.

*"We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments."* (2 Corinthians 10:3-4, NLT)

### 3. BECAUSE MY MIND IS THE KEY TO PEACE & HAPPINESS.

*"So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace."* (Romans 8:6, NLT)

*"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!"* (Isaiah 26:3, NLT)

## 3 DAILY CHOICES FOR A HEALTHY MIND

### 1. I MUST FREE MY MIND.

*"But there is something else deep within me, in my lower nature, that is at war with my mind and wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me...Who will free me from my slavery to this deadly lower nature? Thank God! It has been done by Jesus Christ our Lord. He has set me free."* (Romans 7:24, The Living Bible)

#### *Three Kinds of Minds*

- CORRUPTED Mind.

*"Just as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so these also resist the truth, men who are corrupt in mind, worthless in regard to the faith."* (2 Timothy 3:8, HCSB)

*“Satan, who is the god of this world, has **blinded the minds** of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don’t understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.” (2 Corinthians 4:4, NLT)*

- **CONVERTED Mind.**

*“For, “Who can know the LORD’s thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?” But we understand these things, for **we have the mind of Christ.**” (1 Corinthians 2:16, NLT)*

- **CONFORMED Mind.**

*“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by **changing the way you think.**” (Romans 12:2a, NLT)*

## 2. I MUST **FEED** MY MIND.

*“But Jesus answered, “The scripture says, ‘Human beings cannot live on bread alone, but need every word that God speaks.’ ”” (Matthew 4:4, GNB)*

### WHEN SHOULD I FEED MY MIND WITH GOD’S WORD?

#### **DAILY**

*“I rise early, before the sun is up; I cry out for help and put my hope in your words.” (Psalm 119:147, NLT)*

*“Oh, how I love your instructions! I think about them all day long.” (Psalm 119:97, NLT)*

*“I praise you, LORD, for being my guide. Even in the darkest night, your teachings fill my mind.” (Psalm 16:7, CEV)*

## 3. I MUST **FOCUS** MY MIND.

*“...we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” (2 Corinthians 10:5, NIV84)*

### **Three Enemies at War with My Mind**

#### 1) MY OLD **NATURE.**

*“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.” (Romans 8:5, NLT)*

#### 2) **SATAN.**

*“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.” (1 Peter 5:8, NLT)*

#### 3) THE **WORLD.**

*“For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.” (1 John 2:16, NLT)*

**Three Things I Need to Focus On**

1) **JESUS**

*“Keep your mind on Jesus Christ!” (2 Timothy 2:8a, CEV)*

2) **OTHERS**

*“Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds.” (Hebrews 10:24, NCV)*

3) **ETERNITY**

*“Let heaven fill your thoughts; don't spend your time worrying about things down here.” (Colossians 3:2, The Living Bible)*

