

Who Has Your Mind? Thoughts and Emotions

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Matthew 22:37-38, Colossians 3:2-11

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Matthew 22:37, *Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment.*

How Do We Learn To Love God With Our Mind?

1. Adjust Your FOCUS

Colossians 3:2, *Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, Who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*

Romans 12:1, *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. 2 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.*

2. Practice Personal PURITY

Colossians 3:5, *Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.*

Galatians 5:19, *The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before,*

that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

3. Reshape Your EMOTIONS

Colossians 3:8, *But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1, *There is a time for everything... 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance...*

Galatians 5:22, *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

4. Celebrate The New COMMUNITY

Colossians 3:9, *Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.*

Romans 6:1, *What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*