



Personal Study Guide

Loving God With All My Mind

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Introduction

? Had you been selected for the surveys mentioned in the article above, how do you think you would have fared? Why do you think so?

? Obviously loving God is more than just factual knowledge, but what does biblical literacy indicate about a person's intimacy with the Father?

? What do you think is the most effective way to keep intellectual knowledge of God from becoming cold and detached? Conversely, what do you think the dangers are of a simply emotional relationship with God?

1. Respond to God's Grace with True Worship (Romans 12:1)

? Take a moment and scan through the various doctrines Paul covered in Romans 1-11. Which of them speaks to you most powerfully? What difference is that doctrine making in your life today?

? There are multiple complex theological truths in Romans. When you come across a passage of Scripture, the meaning of which is not immediately clear to you, how do you go about learning what it means? Why is it important to guard the sources you learn from?

2. Transformation from a Renewed Mind (Romans 12:2a)

? How have you witnessed the exertion of various types of force from the world to conform to its worldview in the past week? What would you identify as the world's primary criteria for happiness and making decisions?

- ❓ When allowing one's mind to be renewed, what would you identify as influences or elements that should be eliminated to aid the change? How would you recommend to someone to filter out those influences?
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3. Loving God with All the Mind Brings Discernment (Romans 12:2b)

- ❓ How does it impact your spirit when you are unsure about God's will in times of major decision? According to Paul's teaching here, what might that possibly indicate about your loving God with your mind?
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- ❓ Evaluate your life with Christ now versus when you were a new Christian. How have you seen your understanding of God's will change as you've grown in Christ? What role did biblical study and doctrinal awareness have on that change?
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Conclusion

- ❓ How would you describe your ability to explain the core doctrines of your faith? How would you like for that answer to change in the next 6 months? What can you do to start?
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- ❓ What do your personal Bible study habits look like right now? How are those habits effectively storing God's word in your mind? Why is that important for renewal?
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- ❓ Who in your life has permission to ask you about what you're allowing into your mind? What role does biblical community play in your efforts to renew your mind?
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Daily Readings

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| - Monday - Philippians 3:12-14 | - Thursday - 2 Corinthians 5:17 |
| - Tuesday - Proverbs 3:5-6 | - Friday - Jeremiah 29:11 |
| - Wednesday - Isaiah 43:18-19 | - Saturday - Hebrews 12:1-2 |