**Loving God with Your Mind**

**Mind -** thoughts, understanding.

1. **A Christian is commanded to love God with his mind.**

**Matthew 22:36-38 (NIV)**   
**36**"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" **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.

1. **A Christian can love God with their mind by studying God’s Word.**

**Romans 12:2 (NLT)**   
2 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. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.

**James 1:25 (GW)**   
25 However, the person who continues to study God's perfect teachings that make people free and who remains committed to them will be blessed. People like that don't merely listen and forget; they actually do what God's teachings say.

**2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)**   
 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right.

**Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)**   
12 For the word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are.

“ The word of God can be in the mind without being in the heart; but it cannot be in the heart without first being in the mind”.

-R.C Sproul

“You will be the same person in five years as you are today except for the people you meet and the books you read.” ― Charlie “Tremendous” Jones

1. **A Christian can love God with their mind by reading Christian books.**

**Proverbs 4:7 (NLT)**   
7 Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do! And whatever else you do, get good judgment.

**Proverbs 23:22-23 (NLT)**   
22 Listen to your father, who gave you life, and don't despise your mother's experience when she is old. 23 Get the truth and don't ever sell it; also get wisdom, discipline, and discernment.

**Proverbs 16:16 (NLT)**   
16 How much better to get wisdom than gold, and understanding than silver!

**Proverbs 1:5 (TLB)**   
5 I want those already wise to become wiser and become leaders by exploring the depths of meaning in these nuggets of truth."

**Proverbs 2:12 (NLT)**   
12 Wisdom will save you from evil people, from those whose speech is corrupt.

**Application:**

* Set time daily to study your Bible
* Give yourself a $20 a month book allowance.
* Recommended topics: Marriage & family, Finances, Leadership, Theology, History, Philosophy, Emotional Healing, Forgiveness, Low Self-Esteem, Anger, Struggling with Sin, etc…

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