

15th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, September 2, 2018  
“Life Principles For Living Out the Greatest Commandment:  
Loving God With All Our Mind”  
Philippians 4:4-9

“The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these. (Mark 29-31)

#### 4 THINGS ABOUT OUR MIND

- **God knows our \_\_\_\_\_.**  
“You know my thoughts before I think them.” (Psalm 139:2)
- **God knows our \_\_\_\_\_.**  
“The Lord is fully aware of how limited and futile the thoughts of mankind are.” (Psalm 84:11)
- **Our minds are \_\_\_\_\_ just like the rest of us.**  
“The Lord says, ‘My thoughts are not like your thoughts. Your ways are not like my ways.’” (Isaiah 55:8)
- **We are responsible for our own \_\_\_\_\_.**  
“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” (2 Corinthians 10:5)

#### 3 PRINCIPLES FOR LOVING GOD WITH ALL OUR MIND

#1. Loving God with all our mind means \_\_\_\_\_ **Him.**  
“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.” (Psalm 111:10)

**Fear = *yira* =**

**How much do you fear God?  
How do you live this fear out in your everyday life?**

#2. Loving God with all our mind means \_\_\_\_\_ **on Him.**  
“So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” (Colossians 3:2)

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

“fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.” (Hebrews 12:1)  
**Where are your eyes fixed? What is your mind focussed on?**

#3. Loving God with all our mind means \_\_\_\_\_ **it with good things.**

“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” (Philippians 4:8)

### 3 OPTIONS FOR FILLING OUR MIND

- \_\_\_\_\_:
- \_\_\_\_\_:
- \_\_\_\_\_:

**What are you filling your mind with?**

### NOTES:



How are you practically living this part of the Great Commandment out in your everyday life?

Do you love God with all your mind?

Which one of these 3 principles might you need to work on?

This week I encourage you to increase your love for God by following Paul's advice in Philippians 4.

Pick one of the 3 principles on your sheet to focus on and pray that God will give you everything you need to follow through.

Pray; "This week, Lord, I'm going to try to fear you more—I'm going to look for opportunities in my everyday life to honour you and the things of your kingdom."

"I'm going to fix my thoughts on things that are above, instead of getting distracted by the things of this world."

"Instead of filling my mind with mental junk food or mental drugs, I'm going to try to fill it with good things—things that build me up and bring me true peace and joy."