

LIGHT IT UP!

Love God With Your Mind!

Colossians 2:6-8

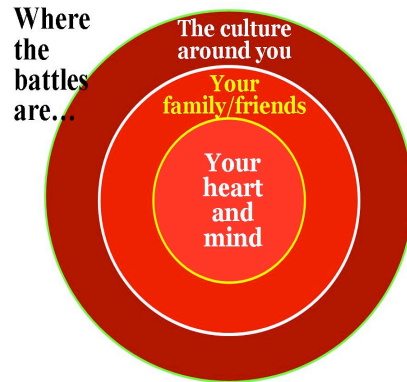
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Bottom Line:

Part of the Great Commandment is to love the Lord with all our mind. Believers are called to defend what they believe in a way that clearly presents the truths of God's Word, trusting the Holy Spirit to do His work in the hearts of those who hear it.

Loving God with our mind:

1. **Be committed to growing _____ in your relationship with Christ.**
Colossians 2:6-7



Growth necessities:

- A. *Rooted* – it's a focus to get _____ in your faith.
- B. *Strengthened* – it's an essential to be _____.
- C. *Thanksgiving* – it's a command to have a right _____.

2. **Be alert to _____ your "thinking" in Christ.**
Colossians 2:8

False teachings encountered:

A. *Secular Humanism*

- Greek philosopher Protagoras said, "Man is the measure of all things."
- Man is the ultimate standard by which all life is measured.

B. *Relativism*

- Religious knowledge is merely relative, not absolute.
- Foundational Fallacy: It makes an absolute statement about religion that says one can't make any absolute statements about religion.

C. *Pluralism*

- Multiple religions or secular world views are all legitimate and valid.
- Sincerity establishes validity ("Ends" also can be used).
- Each one is "true" when viewed from within its own culture.

D. *Materialism*

- Intense preoccupation with possessions / money for self-gratification.
- Life passion to pursue the "good life" above your pursuit of God.
- Materialist's mantra, "If only I had a little more."

False Teaching's outcomes:

- A. It's _____ not freeing. v. 8
- B. It's _____ not fulfilling. v. 8
- C. It's _____ not divine. v. 8
- D. It's _____ not eternal. v. 8

Action Items:

1. _____ that this world is not in agreement with Christ.
2. Recognize negative infiltration into your life.
3. _____ your life to the truth of God's Word in all areas.
4. Reach out to this culture with the truth and love.