

## Week 10 - PHILIPPIANS 4:8

# Love God with All Your Mind

“Christ wants a child’s heart but a grown-up’s head.” C. S. Lewis

“The scandal of the evangelical mind is that there’s not much of an evangelical mind.”

Mark A. Noll

“Grace is opposed to *earning*, not *effort*.” Dallas Willard

Philippians 4:8 Christian Standard Bible (CSB)

“Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy — **DWELL** on these things.

### Obey the First and Greatest Commandment

Matthew 22:37-40

“He said to him, “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.**”<sup>37</sup> This is the greatest and most important<sup>38</sup> command. “The second is like it: **Love your neighbor as yourself.**”<sup>39</sup> All the Law and the Prophets depend<sup>40</sup> on these two commands.”

### Spiritual Transformation Includes a Renewed Mind

Romans 12:2

“Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

### The Ministry of Reconciliation is Not for the Intellectually Lazy

Hebrews 5:12

“Although by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the basic principles of God’s revelation again. You need milk, not solid food.

### Gospel Fellowship will Flourish

Three kinds of Friendship According to Aristotle:

1. Usefulness
2. Pleasure
3. Goodness and Virtue – “Fellowship as *holding in common*, Aristotle sought a place for fostering commitment to virtuous, wise living” (J. P. Moreland, 1997)

**Philippians 4:1-9** Christian Standard Bible (CSB)

**4** So then, my dearly loved and longed for brothers and sisters, my joy and crown, in this manner stand firm in the Lord, dear friends.

*Practical Counsel*

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to agree in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, I also ask you, true partner,<sup>[a]</sup> to help these women who have contended for the gospel at my side, along with Clement and the rest of my coworkers whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your graciousness<sup>[b]</sup> be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally<sup>[c]</sup> brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy—dwell on these things. <sup>9</sup>Do what you have learned and received and heard from me, and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

