



## Using Everything We've Got

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding - Proverbs 3:5*

We have to get beyond those knee-jerk reactions that we've been saddled with by our history and begin to understand that we can use understanding without leaning on it. And that's what Jesus did.

The passage above doesn't say, "Don't use your head." It doesn't say, "Don't think," or "Reasoning is sinful." It says, "Don't trust reason by itself." Trust God and use your head. That's the general advice that we have for all of our faculties: we are to trust God, worship him only, serve him only, and use everything we've got—our legs, our brains, everything—present it all to God as a living sacrifice and ask him to inhabit it and use it. If you don't understand that, you can't understand the content and the method of the New Testament. Use your best reasoning and the best of everything else you've got. And then you're in good shape.

John Stott says in his little book called *Your Mind Matters*.

*Faith and thought belong together, and believing is impossible without thinking. Let's look at an example of this in Matthew 6:30, "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?"*

### Reflect:

What Stott is pointing out is that Jesus is asking you to think logically. If God cares about the grass—doesn't it follow that he cares about you too?

(Q) Are there any examples from your life in which it logically follows that God would care for you?

(Q) Are there any Scripture that comes to mind that helps you make this connection?

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