

Make Room in Your Mind for God!

Make Room, Pt. 1

Mark 12:30-31; Ephesians 1:17-23

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Mark 12:30, Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' **31** The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Ephesians 1:17, I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. **18** I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, **19** ... his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength **20** he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms ... **22** And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, **23** which is his body...

How Do We Make Room for God in Our Mind?

1. By Knowing God BETTER

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Three Things We Need to Know About God:

- God Is LOVE

1 John 4:16, And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.

John 3:16, For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

- God Is GOOD

Psalm 31:19, How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in you.

- God Is KNOWABLE

Romans 1:20, For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

John 14:9, ... Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.

2. By Knowing Our CALLING

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Ways You Can Know Your Calling

- Pursue Knowledge With HUMILITY

Psalm 8:3, *When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, 4 what is mankind that You are mindful of them, human beings that You care for them?*

- Pursue Knowledge of SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 3:16, *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

- Pursue a Life of GOOD WORKS

Colossians 1:9, *...We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.*

Colossians 3:23, *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.*

3. By Experiencing God's POWER

Ephesians 1:19, *...his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms... 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body...*

Ephesians 2:10, *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*