

You can't think your way to a closer walk with God, you have to believe your way to closer walk with God.

Ephesians 2:8 (NKJV)

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)

11 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Faith is what you believe in your heart
not what you understand in your mind.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)
7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

We walk by what we believe in our hearts based on the Word and the Spirit of God, not by what we understand in our minds.

Proverbs 3:5-7 (NKJV)

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And
lean not on your own understanding;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He
shall direct your paths.

7 **Do not be wise in your own eyes;** Fear
the Lord and depart from evil.

Our own understanding is founded upon
worldly thinking, but when we acknowledge
the Lords ways in everything we do by faith,
He gives us new direction for our lives.

Luke 10:27 (NKJV)

27 So he answered and said, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’

Heart – the center of all physical and spiritual life

Soul - the seat of the feelings, desires, affections, aversions. The moral being designed for everlasting life

Strength – (physical) ability, force, strength, might

Mind - the mind as a faculty of understanding, feeling, desiring

Your mind understands what your heart believes

**We must come to grips with the idea that
God doesn't think like we do.**

Isaiah 55:6-9 (NKJV)

6 Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.

7 **Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts;** Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For **He will abundantly pardon.**

8 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord.

9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Ephesians 4:17-24 (NKJV)

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that **you should no longer walk** as the rest of the Gentiles walk, **in the futility of their mind,**

18 **having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;**

19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But you have not so learned Christ,

21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind (understanding), that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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heart believes

Romans 10:10 (NKJV)

10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Acts 8:36-38 (NKJV)

36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?”

37 Then Philip said, “**If you believe with all your heart, you may.**”

And he answered and said, “**I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**”

38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

There is a difference between Heart faith,
and Head faith

Heart faith will save you,
Head faith never fully understands

**Two reasons why its important we
distinguish between heart faith,
and head faith.**

A closer walk with God

To be more effective in soul winning

Many Christians struggle to grow in God because we keep trying to fit God into our worldly thinking.

Many Christians struggle to communicate their faith because they don't feel they know enough

You will never figure out God with your mind until you've sold out to God with your heart

A closer walk with God comes through believing His Word with your heart, not your mind.

An easier way to share your faith with others is to share what you believe in your heart about Jesus, that is in line with His Word, and not limit your sharing to what you know about Him in your mind.