

## Core Value: Intellectual Virtue

Foundational beliefs for its importance at Rosslyn



### Some scriptural basis:

Mark 12:30

Romans 12:2

### Additional thoughts:

- As a Christian school (and as Christian *people*), the concept of intellectual virtue is powerful because we hope to approach it with the purpose of honoring God with our minds and in our work--like many discussions that were had last year, and continue to be had, about work as worship and faithful learning.
- The desire for us as a school to improve in our facilitation of developing intellectual virtue in our students (and ourselves!) ultimately stems from our desire to help our students know how to effectively pursue, identify, communicate, and live out truth. In the Foreword of *Virtuous Minds*, Jason Baehr wrote, "...a concern with truth is the very heart of virtuous intellectual character; it is what gives rise to the range of individual intellectual virtues..." and that is one of the main reasons it matters to us.
- That said, we recognize that "All truth is God's truth," so besides the Bible, we recognize that God has chosen to reveal truth to us through creation as well.
- Additionally, we want our students to develop a love of learning that extends beyond classroom requirements. Done well, nurturing intellectual character development gives students tools they need to become intrinsically-motivated lifelong learners.

