

Auto-Correct is Short-Sighted

Have you done this? You typed something on Facebook or a Word document, clicked “send” or “Enter,” only to find that auto-correct changed a word. The new word inserted is spelled correctly but changes the meaning of what you wanted to say. It quite possibly said something you would never say. The auto-correct software acted on an assumption that made the sentence embarrassing. The computer was looking at each word, without regard to the context of the sentence.

Recently I purchased a software program called “Grammarly” to help me in my writings. The Grammarly software suggests corrections within the context of the entire sentence. The software corrects grammatical mistakes as well as any spelling errors in a document. There are times when it suggests how to revise the whole sentence to make better sense or to correct the grammar. When it does that, it is like the program is reading my mind.



When we pray, God *is* actively reading your mind. He knows what you want to say even before you say it. He understands the context of your prayers. Sometimes, God places in your mind an even better solution than what you were initially thinking. As with the Grammarly software, it still is my choice to accept the suggestion or not. There are times when even Grammarly doesn’t understand why I specifically chose a particular word. On the other hand, God fully understands me.

God truly knows all about you. The Bible reminds us of that when it says, *But even the hairs of your head are all numbered (Matthew 10:30)*. God knows what you need to ask Him and is waiting for you to ask. *But if anyone loves God, he is known by God (1 Corinthians 8:3)*. There is no reason to avoid talking to God about what is bothering you or when you need forgiveness. He already knows, and He understands. And, He is a loving God who wants to help you through the difficult times. Grammarly only takes action when you click on the icon. God takes action throughout your life, leading you even when you are not aware.

I am not equating God to a software program. God is infinitely greater than that. God knows you in a one-on-one relationship. His guidance for your life is specific to you and what you are going through, and He prepares you with a purpose. *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11)*. The auto-correct feature on your computer doesn’t care about you, and its only concern is for correctness in a sentence. God cares for you and your present and eternal future. If you listen to Him and accept His suggestions, He will re-write your future. *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you (1 Peter 5:7)*

The Bible Says: *O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether... (Psalm 139:1-4)*.

Prayer: Lord. You love me. You know all about me and what I truly need. Guide my path and my purpose. I pray that I will listen for and accept your Will for my life. Amen.