

WORSHIP

Pastor Steve Wednesday Devotional

Worship is deep, personal and intimate. Worship is what we do that brings us closer to God. Worship can be extroverted. Worship can be introverted. All personality types can worship the Lord. When our worship is genuine, emotionally mature, intelligent, humble, God focus and Holy Spirit inspired it is amazing. Worship is living water, fresh air and life giving. When we worship life changes and our perception, our attitude, everything of the world around us changes. We are all hard-wired to worship. God put it in our DNA. You couldn't stop worshipping if you had to, because it is part of being a human. Everybody worships something.

Exodus 34:14 *You must worship no other gods, but only the LORD, for he is a God who is passionate about his relationship with you (NLT).*

Worship is REALLY personal:

Worship by definition is never passive; but requires active participation.

Worship is not just a feeling; it is a declaration of our will.

Worship is not simply a mood; it is a response.

Mark 12:29-30 *And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*

Worship is perceptive – love Him with all your mind,

Worship is passionate – ...with all your heart and all your soul.

Worship is practical – love Me with all your strength, abilities

Colossians 3:23: *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.*

In life, it's not WHAT you do that matters as much as WHO you do it for!

Jesus is our worship – Hebrews 1:1-4 *Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. But now in these final days he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance and through the Son he made the universe and everything in it. The Son reflects God's own glory, and everything about him represents God exactly. He sustains the universe by the mighty power of his command. After he died to cleanse us from the stain of sin, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God of heaven.*

Living life requires the cleansing process of worship. No matter how clean the body is, once it engages in hard work, it will begin to perspire, and there may be an unpleasant odor unless it is first covered with deodorant of God's worship.

Ezekiel 36:25-26 *Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

True worship is the humbling of the body being brought to a place of brokenness before God and acknowledgment of His greatness. Worship is the fresh breath of life and energy of the Church. Flowing out of worship, the Church is able to move into the service it has been released to do!

With prayer and fasting and worship!

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