



Purpose: To be a Worshipper – September 3, 2017
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Today we continue our journey to understand the purpose of life. We are praying that as we continue this journey we all commit to a holy pursuit of God and His purposes for us.

Revelation 4:11, “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

Matthew 22:37-38, Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.

My Primary Purpose: to WORSHIP God.

In its simplest definition, worship is loving God back.

Romans 12:1, Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

What is Worship?

- Worship is my response to God’s love.
- *Offer* from Romans 12:1 = Worship is giving back to God.
- When we worship God, it brings enjoyment to Him.
 1. Love God thoughtfully - Mind
 2. Love God passionately - Heart
 3. Love God practically - Strength

Worship is focusing my attention on God.

Worship is not putting your mind in neutral; it's actively focusing your mind, thoughts, and attention on God.

God wants your focus because he is focused on you.

Psalm 139:1-3, You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

- We need to learn that focusing on God means we must focus less on ourselves.

Romans 8:7, For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law.

- *We have to make the choice to stop thinking about certain things and start thinking about God.*

Matthew 6:6, Find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.

Isaiah 26:3, You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

Worship is expressing my affection to God.

1 John 4:19, We love because he first loved us.

God loved us first!

Exodus 34:14, You must worship no other gods, for the Lord, whose very name is Jealous, is a God who is jealous about his relationship with you.

God is passionate about us!

Hosea 6:6, I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me more than I want burnt offerings.

God doesn't want your religious duty he wants your desire!

Worship is using my ability for God.

Words of worship need to be backed up with practical expressions.

Colossians 3:23, Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

- Worship is a life issue...who are you working for?
- God doesn't want worship to be a "church thing" he wants it to be a whole life approach to worshipping Him.

Worship should create a sense of awe in my life.

Isaiah 6:1-8

Any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven." -A.W. Tozer