

FAMILIES THAT... WORSHIP TOGETHER

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Psalm 122:1 (KJV)

(God) You created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created.

Revelation 4:11b (NLT)

❖ My First Priority in Life is to WORSHIP GOD.

"Do not worship any other gods besides me. ⁸ Do not make idols of any kind, whether in the shape of birds or animals or fish. ⁹ You must never worship or bow down to them, for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God who will not share your affection with any other god!"

Deuteronomy 5:7-9a (NLT)

1. Worship is showing my LOVE to God because of His LOVE for me.

We love Him because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19 (KJV)

2. Worship is GIVING myself to God because He GAVE Himself for me.

Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.

Ephesians 5:2 (MSG)

❖ Three Reasons We Don't Worship God:

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

Psalm 29:2 (NIV)

1. We become SELF-CENTERED ... we worship SELF.

Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, ends up thinking more about self than God. That person ignores who God is and what he is doing.

Romans 8:7 (MSG)

"I think everyone should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so they can see that it's not the answer."

Jim Carey

2. We live in a SELF-CENTERED CULTURE... we worship STUFF.

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God...Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity.

Romans 12:2a (MSG)

3. We've allowed SIN to enter our lives... we have UNCONFESED SIN.

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that he will not hear.

Isaiah 59:2 (NIV)

❖ How We Should Worship God:

Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. ³⁰ And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength."

Mark 12:29-30 (NLT)

1. Worship is EXPRESSING my AFFECTION to God – "with my heart and soul."

The LORD is my strength, my shield from every danger. I trust in him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.

Psalms 28:7 (NLT)

➤ KEY TRUTH: We should worship God PASSIONATELY.

He is a God who is passionate about His relationship with you.

Exodus 34:14b (NLT)

2. Worship is FOCUSING my ATTENTION on God – "with my mind."

"Here's what I want you to do: 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."

Matthew 6:6 (MSG)

➤ KEY TRUTH: We should worship God THOUGHTFULLY.

(God) You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, whose thoughts are fixed on You!

Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)

3. Worship is USING my ABILITIES for God – "with my strength."

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.

Romans 12:1a (MSG)

- KEY TRUTH: We should worship God PRACTICALLY.

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

Colossians 3:23 (TEV)

- ❖ How Families Practice Worshiping Together:

Point your kids in the right direction—when they're old they won't be lost.

Proverbs 22:6 (MSG)

1. SHARE – a key SCRIPTURE PASSAGE for the day.
2. TELL – about your day's VICTORIES and STRUGGLES.
3. ENCOURAGE – by saying one POSITIVE THING about each other.
4. PRAY – for each other... be SPECIFIC.
5. SING – let a different person PICK the song each time.

- ❖ Key Questions: How is your WORSHIP? What do you need to do to CHANGE?