

Choosing To Worship

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I. Love & Devotion

II. Call To Worship

Joshua 24:14-15

III. Being A Worshipper

James 4:7-8

Romans 12:1

IV. Decisions, Decisions...

Personal Reflection

Set aside fifteen minutes this week to pray & respond to the following:

Consider for a moment, the myriad of choices that you have consciously & unconsciously made today. The clothes you put on this morning, what you had for breakfast, how long you brushed your teeth afterwards, etc.. Choices are such a natural & frequent part of life that we often fail to consider their lasting impact.

Worshipping is a choice & Christians are empowered by the Holy Spirit to commune with God through this sacred & timeless act. The Lord has enabled & commanded us to partake in both private & public worship with our fellow believers.

Being a Christian does not automatically make one a worshipper. Attending a religious service is not the same thing as participating in worship. We must choose to worship God & He has called us to do it in spirit & in truth.

Worship is the act of expressing the deepest human devotion. Being a worshipper means to prioritize Christ above all other loves & to demonstrate that love through prayer, music, study of God's Word, giving, sacrifice, etc.. At the very heart of worship is love—love for God because He first loved us.

What is your life centered around? What truly is your first love? Is it possible that an idol (another person, an object, an idea or an ideal, etc.) is occupying the place of top priority that should be reserved for God? Are you truly a worshipper?

Prayerfully consider the state of your devotion to God. Ask Him to reveal if you are merely going through the motions of worship. Lastly, ask God to deepen your hunger for worship & commit to follow & serve Him faithfully all the days of your life.