

Closer - Part 2: Deliberate Worship

(Luke 19:39-40 NASB®) “Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” But Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!”

Worship

Definition: Extravagant respect of admiration for or devotion to an object of esteem

Synonyms: Adulation, deification

Related Words: Adoration, deference, glorification, reverence, affection, regard, approval

Antonyms: Condemnation, disapproval, disfavor, dislike, dismissal, disregard, hatred, loathing, scorn

Worship must flow from the heart

Worship must be expressed

Worship must be unashamed and uninhibited

Unashamed

Definition: Being without guilt, self-consciousness, or doubt

Synonyms: Shameless, unabashed, unblushing, unembarrassed

(Luke 9:26 NASB®) “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.”

(Matthew 10:32-33 NASB®) “Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.”

Uninhibited

Definition: Free from inhibitions (uninhibited exuberance); Boisterously informal (a festive uninhibited party)

Synonyms: Emotional, demonstrative, unreserved, unrestrained

Antonyms: Constrained, quiet, reticent, silent, bashful, modest, shy, self-directed, aloof, detached, dispassion, emotionless, indifferent, unfeeling, chilly, cold, frigid, hard-boiled, hard-hearted, unfriendly

(2 Samuel 6:16-23 NASB®) “Then it happened as the ark of the Lord came into the city of David that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. So they brought in the ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the tent which David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord. When David has finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offering, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts. Further, he distributed to all the people, to all the multitude of Israel, both to men and women, a cake of bread and one of dates and one of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed each to his house.”