

BECOMING A TRUE WORSHIPPER

John 4:23-24 (NIV)

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the **TRUE WORSHIPERS** will worship the Father in the **SPIRIT** and in **TRUTH**, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

²⁴ **God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."**

- TRUE WORSHIP is not only about singing worship songs. Worship is about having a grateful and humble heart that turns towards Jesus in awe and admiration. It is the cry of a life laid down—that is changed by being in His presence.
- TRUE WORSHIP is one of the ways that we step out of the natural and enter the supernatural— It's a "Portal," a gateway to heaven over our lives, and transforms us into another dimension, "The Kingdom of Heaven."

— THE GATEWAY TO HEAVEN

Genesis 28:10-12,16-17 (NIV)

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a **stairway** resting on the earth, with its **top reaching to heaven**, and the **angels of God were ascending and descending on it...**

¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, "**How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.**"

- **TRUE WORSHIP** is the key to touching heaven and placing ourselves under the Lordship of Jesus— it recognized Him as the One who fight our battles, while we declare His glory.

What is the Mark of a True Worshipper?

Worship Is Not Just What I Say—It's Who I Am Becoming

Matthew 15:8-9 (NIV):

"These people honor Me with their **lips**, but their **hearts** are far from Me. They worship Me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules."

1. In what areas of life are we tempted to offer God words without heart?
2. What's one way we can bring our hearts closer to Jesus this week in worship?

Romans 12:1 (NIV):

"Offer your **bodies** as a **living** sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your **TRUE** and proper **WORSHIP**."

1. What does offering your body as a "living sacrifice" look like in daily life?
2. How can surrendering more of ourselves bring us deeper into God's presence?

A True Worshipper Belongs Completely to Jesus

Romans 6:16 (NLT):

"Don't you realize that you become the **slave** of whatever you choose to **obey**?"

1. What are some things in your life that compete for your obedience and attention?
2. How can we daily choose to serve God instead of the world?

Galatians 2:20 (NIV):

"I have been crucified with Christ, and **I no longer live**, but Christ lives in me."

1. What changes when we truly believe that Christ is living in us?
2. How does faith in Jesus help you overcome fear or insecurity?

A True Worshipper Is Marked by the Words They Speak

James 3:10-11 (NIV):

"Out of the same mouth come **praise** and **cursing**."

1. Why do our words matter so much in showing the heart of worship?
2. What are some phrases or habits we need to let go of to reflect Jesus more?

Colossians 3:17 (NIV):

"And **whatever you do**, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus."

1. How can our everyday actions become a form of worship?
2. What's one area of your life where you can invite Jesus more fully this week?

A True Worshipper Is Formed by the Holy Spirit

Acts 20:22-24 (NIV):

"And now, **compelled by the Spirit**, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there."

1. How does being "compelled by the Spirit" look in your life right now?
2. What helps you stay faithful when the path gets hard?

Philippians 3:3 (NLT):

"For **we who worship by the Spirit of God** are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort. Instead, we boast in Christ Jesus."

1. Why is it freeing to rely on Jesus instead of your own strength?
2. What does it mean to "boast in Christ," and how can you live that out?

The Leper Who Returned

Luke 17:15-19 (NIV):

"One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, **praising God in a loud voice.**"

1. Why do you think only one leper came back to worship Jesus?
2. How can gratitude become a regular part of our worship?

"God is not looking for perfect people—He's looking for surrendered hearts. ..."