



Part 4 – Made to Worship God

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Dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. (Romans 12:1, NLT)

- God takes the _____.
- We _____ to what God has done.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30, NIV)

- God wants me to love him _____ (with my mind).
- God wants me to love him _____ (with my heart and soul).
- God wants me to love him _____ (with my strength).

1. Worship is _____ on God.

- *Focusing on yourself is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God and ends up thinking more about self than God. (Romans 8:7, The Message)*
- *Don't become so well adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. (Romans 12:1, The Message)*
- *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'll begin to sense His grace. (Matthew 6:6, The Message)*
- *Never stop praying. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)*

2. Worship is _____ to God.

- *We love because He first loved us. (1 John 4:19, NIV)*
- *I want faithful love more than I want...sacrifices. I want people to know me more than I want...offerings. (Hosea 6:6, NCV)*

3. Worship is _____ for God.

- *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, GNT)*

Next Steps

- When it comes to worshiping God, what difference does it make that God takes the first step and that I simply respond to what He has done?
- What has God done?
- When is it most difficult for me to love God thoughtfully? Why?
- When is it most difficult for me to love God passionately? Why?
- When is it most difficult for me to love God practically? Why?
- Do I seem to most intuitively love God thoughtfully, passionately, or practically? What is it about me or my experiences that makes this so?
- When is it most difficult to focus my attention on God? How have I learned to focus on him more effectively?
- When is it most difficult to express my affection to God? How have I? What is it about me or my experiences that makes this so? How have I learned to express my affection to him more effectively?
- What makes it difficult to use my abilities for God? What is it about me or my experiences that makes this so? How have I learned to use my abilities for Him more effectively?
- What am I prone to worship instead of God? What is it about me or my experiences that makes this so? What can I do about it?