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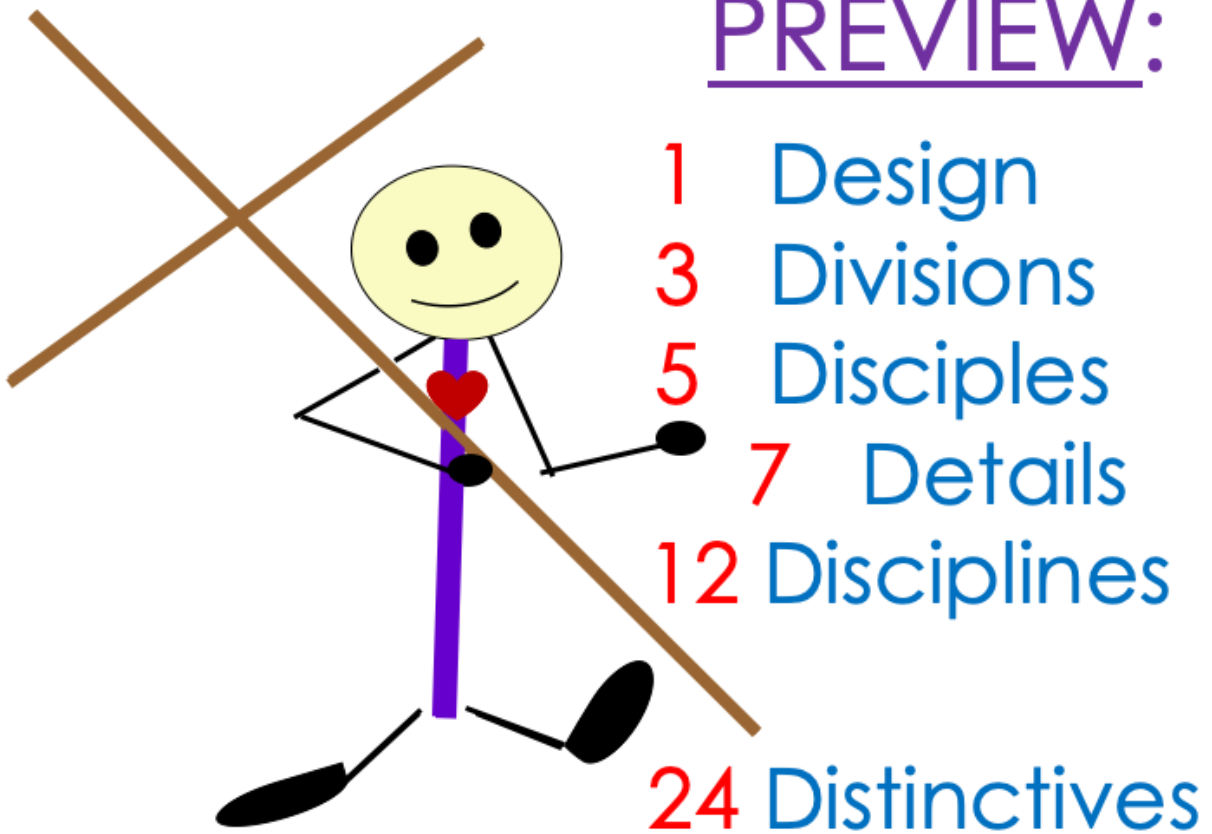
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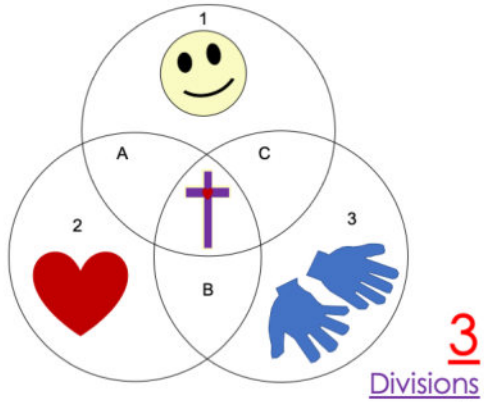
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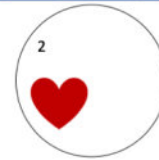
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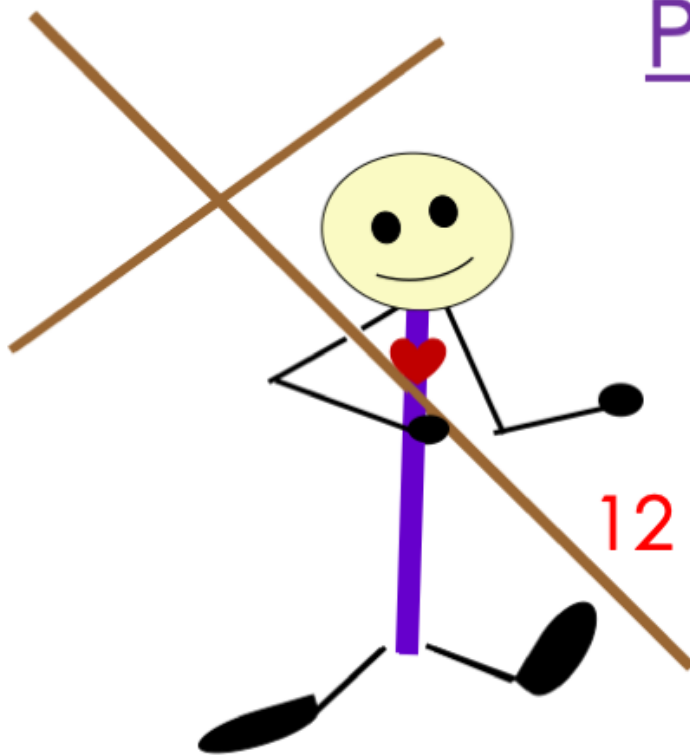
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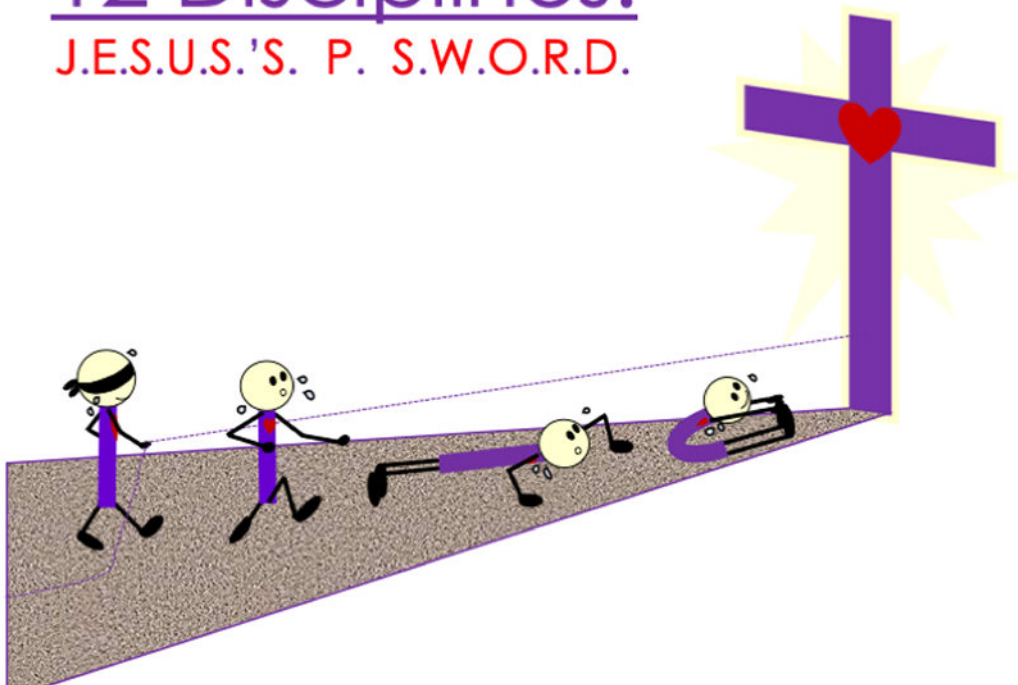
PREVIEW:



12 Disciplines

12 DISCIPLINES: Here are some heart exercises for you... These discipleship “**disciplines**” can help Christians to **strengthen** their **faith** and grow as missional & maturing Christ-followers.

12 Disciplines:
J.E.S.U.S.'S P. S.W.O.R.D.





WORSHIP: Christianity is on display for the world to see when **God's children** (individually & together) are worshipping Him in truth & love. Worship is joyful, **overflowing,** faithful obedience.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17so that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

INTRO:

Welcome to another major transition point in your discipleship journey and our Come And See Christianity curriculum. By way of review, thus far, we have gone through Section One's single lesson on God's divine DESIGN, then Section Two's three unifying and introductory lessons on every human's 3 DIVISIONS (our HEAD, HEART, and HANDS); we then followed up with the universally inclusive definitions and descriptions of humanity's 5 types of people, also known as biblical DISCIPLES (the LOST, LOVER, LEARNER, LEADER, and LIFER), each having received their own lesson. Next came what we just completed, Section Four's 7 lessons on Christianity's fundamental, knowledge-based truths, also known as The DETAILS (FOUNDATIONS, FRAMEWORK, FACTS, FIGHT, FAITH, FAMILY, and FOREVER).

Now, in the same way that Sections 1-4 (and their 16 compiled lessons) all concentrated on aspects of "The HEAD" and the truth of God's Word, Section 5 will contain 12 complementary lessons (**J.E.S.U.S.'S. P.S.W.O.R.D.**) that focus on HEART exercises, also known as spiritual DISCIPLINES, that can help to grow and strengthen the Christian's truth-filled, loving, and faithfully obedient HEART...

12 HEART Strengthening DISCIPLINES:

1. *Journaling*
2. *Eat-nothing (Fasting)*
3. *Scripture intake*
4. *Understudy of Scripture*
5. *Solitude*
6. *Stewardship*
7. *Prayer*
8. *Serving*
9. *Worship*
10. *Outreach*
11. *Relationships*
12. *Development*

PRAYER:

LORD, we seek to bless You with all that is within us. Help us here, we pray, to be that blessing as we come to better understand You and Your eternal truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). Help us to see with Your eyes and love with Your love, all that You would reveal to us through Your Word, Your will, and Your ways. May we grow in our grasp of Your realities, Your means of restoration, and Your mission of reproduction. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen and Amen

CONTEXT:

Macro

Spiritual Disciplines

(The content herein is predominantly derived and expanded upon from Dr. Don Whitney's *Spiritual Disciplines* & Dr. Chuck Lawless' *Disciplined Warriors*.)

I. SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES ... FOR THE PURPOSE OF GODLINESS

*Ours is an undisciplined age. The old disciplines are breaking down.
... We **need** the rugged strength of Christian **character**
that can come only from discipline.*

- V. Raymond Edman

Discipline without direction is drudgery!

The Bible says of God's elect, "*For those whom He foreknew He also predestined **to be conformed** to the image of His Son"*
(Romans 8:29)

Although God will grant Christlikeness to us when Jesus returns, until then He intends for us to grow toward it.

We aren't merely to wait for holiness; we're to pursue it.

All who come to God trusting in the person and work of Jesus to make them right with God are given the Holy Spirit (see Ephesians 1:13-14). The presence of the Holy Spirit causes all those in whom He resides to have new holy hungers they didn't have before.

Hebrews 12:14 is clear:

Anyone who is not striving for holiness will not see the Lord!

The urgent question every Christian should ask is, "How then shall I pursue holiness... How can I become more like Christ?" God's Word offers a clear answer in...

1 Timothy 4:7

"Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness."

The only road to Christian maturity and godliness (a.k.a. Christlikeness & holiness) passes through the practice of the Spiritual Disciplines.

Godliness is the goal of the Disciplines... remember this and the ***Spiritual Disciplines become delights vs drudgery.***

II. WHAT ARE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES?

Spiritual Disciplines are those practices found in Scripture (and in application) that promote spiritual growth among believers in The Gospel.

Spiritual Disciplines are the **habits of devotion** and **experiential Christianity** that have been **practiced** by the people of God since biblical times.

The Disciplines could be described in several ways:

- "First, the Bible prescribes both **personal** and **interpersonal** Spiritual Disciplines."
- **Spiritual Disciplines are activities, NOT attitudes.**
 - Disciplines are practices... NOT character qualities, graces, or "fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-23).
 - **Disciplines are things you do!**

The goal of practicing a given Discipline, is not about "DOing" as much as it is about "BEing," that is, BEing like Jesus. But the biblical way to grow in BEing more like Jesus is through the rightly motivated doing of the biblical Spiritual Disciplines.

- We do specific practices *sometimes* that cultivate being more like Jesus *all the time*.
- Spiritual Disciplines are practices taught or modeled in the Bible. (Without this limitation, we might call anything we fancy a Spiritual Discipline.)
- Spiritual Disciplines found in Scripture are sufficient for knowing & experiencing God & growing in Christlikeness.
 - See 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - See 2 Peter 1:3 & Philippians 4:13
- Spiritual Disciplines are practices derived from the gospel, NOT divorced from the gospel.
- ***Spiritual Disciplines are means, not ends.***

Godliness is both closeness to Christ and conformity to Christ.

CAUTION: *While we cannot be godly without the practice of the Disciplines, we can practice the Disciplines without being godly...*

So, the Spiritual Disciplines are those personal and interpersonal activities given by God in the Bible as the sufficient means believers in Jesus Christ are to use in the Spirit-filled, gospel-driven pursuit of godliness, that is, closeness to Christ and conformity to Christ.

III. SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES... AS MEANS TO GODLINESS

Godliness comes through discipline.

- God uses **three primary catalysts for changing us** and conforming us into Christlikeness, but only one is largely under our control.
 - #1: God uses people to change people.**
 - *"Iron sharpens iron," says Proverbs 27:17.*
 - *Sometimes God uses our friends to sharpen us into more Christlike living, and sometimes He uses our enemies to file away our rough, ungodly edges.*
 - #2: God uses circumstance(s) as His catalyst for change.**

#3: God uses spiritual disciplines to change His people.

*God uses spiritual disciplines
to work on His people from the **inside out**.*

Colossians 1:29 illustrates how **the efforts of a Christian & the work of God—can occur simultaneously** in a person indwelt by the Holy Spirit (cf. Philippians 2:13).

See here divine grace AND human responsibility...

*As physical disciplines promote bodily strength, so
the Spiritual Disciplines promote godliness.*

- Think of the Spiritual Disciplines as ways by which we can spiritually place ourselves in the path of God's grace and seek Him, much **like Zacchaeus** placed himself physically in Jesus' path and sought Him. The Lord, by His Spirit, still travels down certain paths that He has ordained and revealed in Scripture. We call these paths the Spiritual Disciplines...

*If we will place ourselves on these paths and look
for Him there by faith, we can expect
to encounter Him.*

IV. SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES... GOD'S WILL FOR CHRISTIANS

*"Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness"
makes it plain that **this is a command of God**, not merely a suggestion.*

- **Holiness is not an option for those who claim to be children of the Holy One** (see 1 Peter 1:15-16), so neither are the means of holiness—that is, the *Spiritual Disciplines*—an option.
- Jesus is the model of discipline in & for godliness.
- Many professing Christians are spiritually undisciplined and seem to have little Christlike fruit and power in their lives. Yet, many of them are remarkably disciplined in other areas of their lives.
- Too many Christians trivialize their effectiveness for the kingdom of God through a lack of discipline.
- The danger of neglecting the Spiritual Disciplines is the danger of bearing little spiritual fruit—your life counting little for the sake of the kingdom.

"I'm not afraid of failure. I'm afraid of succeeding at things that don't matter."

- William Carey

"Freedom and discipline have come to be regarded as mutually exclusive, when in fact freedom is not at all the opposite, but rather the final reward, of discipline."

Elisabeth Elliot

If your picture of a disciplined Christian is one of a grim, tight-lipped, joyless half-robot, then you've missed the point.

*By means of the Disciplines,
let the truths of The Gospel restore your soul.*

Micro

Holistic and healthy, biblical worship of the One true, living, and loving God is arguably the best blueprint and bullseye of a sanctifying Christian life. That said, **this lesson will focus on essential fundamentals of WORSHIP;** not because the topic is short on options, but rather, because the basics of Christian WORSHIP have been widely ignored and/or wildly perverted.

The following findings from the Barna Group are sad but telling. Their research both validate the aforementioned challenge and undergird this lesson's emphasis on personal, passionate, and pure biblical WORSHIP.

"Responsibility to Worship: Most adults will contend that a Christian has a responsibility to worship God. However, when asked to define what worship means, two out of three are unable to offer an appropriate definition or description of worship.

For most... worship is to satisfy or please them, not to honor or please God. Amazingly, few worship-service regulars argue that worship is something they do primarily for God; a substantially larger percentage of attenders claim that attending worship services is something they do for personal benefit and pleasure.

We found that a common obstacle to facilitating real worship is that the church's leaders do not understand what worship is and isn't. Despite seminary education and denominational guidance, a shockingly high number of church leaders have no real understanding or philosophy of worship..."

- George Barna

Message

What Does It Mean to Worship God in Spirit and Truth?

The Gospel Coalition MARCH 14, 2020

Many Christians are familiar with the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman in [John 4](#). But not everyone can explain what Jesus meant when he said the Father is seeking men and women who will worship him “in spirit and truth” (v. 23).

*To say that we must worship God “in spirit” means, among other things, that it must originate from within, from the heart; it must be sincere, motivated by our love for God and gratitude for all he is and has done. **Worship cannot be mechanical or formalistic.** That does not necessarily rule out certain rituals or liturgy. But it does demand that all physical postures or symbolic actions must be infused with heartfelt commitment and faith and love and zeal.*

But the word “spirit” here may also be a reference to the Holy Spirit—there’s disagreement among good Bible scholars. The apostle Paul said that Christians “worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh” ([Phil. 3:3](#)).

It’s the Holy Spirit who awakens in us an understanding of God’s beauty and splendor and power. It’s the Holy Spirit who stirs us to celebrate and rejoice and give thanks. It’s the Holy Spirit who opens our eyes to see and savor all that God is for us in Jesus. It’s the Holy Spirit who, I hope and pray, orchestrates our services and leads us in corporate praise of God.

Don’t Omit Truth

*This worship, however, must also be “in truth.” This is easier for us to understand, for it obviously means that **our worship must conform to the revelation of God in Scripture.** It must be informed by who God is and what he is like.*

*Our worship must be rooted in and tethered to the realities of biblical revelation. God forbid that we should ever sing heresy. **Worship is not meant to be formed by what feels good, but by the light of what’s true.***

Genuine, Christ-exalting worship must never be mindless or based in ignorance. It must be doctrinally grounded and focused on the truth of all we know of our great Triune God. To worship inconsistently with what is revealed to us in Scripture ultimately degenerates into idolatry.

Both/And

Some prefer to worship only “in S/spirit” but couldn’t care less about truth. In fact, they think focusing on truth has the potential to quench the Spirit. The standard by which they judge the success of worship is the thrills and chills they experience.

Now, make no mistake, worship that doesn't engage and inflame your emotions and affections is worthless. Jesus himself criticized the worship of the religious leaders in his day by saying that whereas they honor God "with their lips," their "heart is far from" him ([Matt. 15:7-9](#)). True worship must engage the heart, the affections, the totality of our being. But **any affection or feeling or emotion stirred up by error or false doctrine is worthless** (or worse).

Others prefer to worship only "in truth" and are actually offended when they or others feel anything or experience heightened emotions. Not long ago I heard one evangelical pastor say, "I often wish that we wouldn't sing or have music, but that I could simply see and say the words or the lyrics that express biblical truth. I don't like being distracted by the emotions that rise up in me when we sing to musical accompaniment."

I couldn't believe my ears. By all means, let us sing only what is true. But to do so without affection and feeling and heartfelt emotion is unthinkable. Perhaps you've seen [this statement](#) by John Piper, one worth seeing again:

Truth without emotion produces dead orthodoxy and a church full . . . of artificial admirers. . . . On the other hand, emotion without truth produces empty frenzy and cultivates shallow people who refuse the discipline of rigorous thought. But true worship comes from people who are deeply emotional and who love deep and sound doctrine. Strong affections for God rooted in truth are the bone and marrow of biblical worship.

Heat and Light

Many would insist this is simply impossible. The human soul, they say, can't simultaneously hold such seemingly conflicting realities. You'll eventually default to one side or the other. Some insist you can't focus on the truths of God's Word without turning into an hyper-intellectual, arrogant elitist, while others argue you can't cultivate heartwarming, emotionally uplifting celebrations without deviating from Scripture and succumbing to unbridled fanaticism.

I beg to differ. Better still, Jesus begs to differ. The Bible itself begs to differ. God forbid that we should ever find ourselves individually or as a church failing to worship God in both S/spirit and truth. **Genuine, Christ-exalting worship, after all, is the fruit of both heat and light.** The light of truth shines into our minds and instructs us about who God is. Such light in turn ignites the fire of passion and affection and the heat of joy, love, gratitude, and deep soul-satisfaction...

None of this means you have to worship the way other people at your church do. If the truth of God's Word moves you to lift your hands, dance, or shout aloud, God bless you. If the truth of God's Word leads you into solemn reverence, as you remain seated and immovable, God bless you. But let's make certain that in either case we are worshiping in both S/spirit and truth. For it is just such people the Father is seeking.

- SAM STORMS

BIG IDEA: **Biblical WORSHIP is the Christian's holistic, God-exalting, joyful, overflowing, and faithfully obedient witness to the world.**

PREVIEW:

1. Personal Worship
2. Passionate Worship
3. Pure Worship

TEXT:

John 4:23

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

1. Personal Worship

Illustration:

God's miraculous love and saving grace must come down to us before our glorifying worship can go up to Him. *"You have been saved by grace through faith and not of works so that no one will boast."* – **Ephesians 2:8**

The Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

To worship God means to ascribe the proper worth to God, to magnify His worthiness of praise, or better, to approach and address God as He is worthy. As the holy and almighty God, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, the Sovereign Judge to whom we must give an account, He is worthy of all the worth & honor we can give Him & then infinitely more.

- Donald Whitney

Explanation:

The true, the genuine worship is when man, through his spirit, attains to friendship and intimacy with God. True and genuine worship is not to come to a certain place; it is not to go through a certain ritual or liturgy; it is not even to bring certain gifts. True worship is when the spirit, the immortal and invisible part of man, speaks to and meets with God, who is immortal and invisible.

- William Barclay

*Worship is a believer's response to God's revelation of Himself. It is expressing wonder, awe, and gratitude for the worthiness, the greatness, and the goodness of our Lord. It is the appropriate response to God's person, His provision, His power, His promises, and His plan.... Regardless of the reaction of others, one thing is certain: **True worship and devotion will make our lives fragrant and will perfume the environment around us.***

- Nancy Leigh DeMoss

Saints are described as fearing the name of God; they are reverent worshippers; they stand in awe of the Lord's authority; they are afraid of offending Him; they feel their own nothingness in the sight of the Infinite One.

- Charles Spurgeon

Application:

"Many a professing Christian is a stumbling-block because his worship is divided. On Sunday he worships God; on weekdays God has little or no place in his thoughts."

- D.L. Moody

"Without worship, we go about miserable."

A.W. Tozer

The best worship that we ever render to God is far from perfect. Our praises, how faint and feeble they are! Our prayers, how wandering, how wavering they are! When we get nearest to God, how far off we are! When we are most like Him, how greatly unlike Him we are!

- Charles Spurgeon

2. Passionate Worship

Illustration:

Biblical WORSHIP is not only Spirit-empowered, it is super-charged!

Christianity's holy and healthy WORSHIP is passionately holistic and multi-dimensional, engaging and employing the believer's God-exalting HEAD, HEART, and HANDS.

Worship is the specific act of ascribing to God the glory, majesty, honor, and worthiness which are His.

- Jerry Bridges

Explanation:

*Worship is not a repetitious exercise of rituals and formulas. These create a veil that actually prevents us from enjoying the presence of the Lord. **Worship is the heart poured out in gratitude and awe, expressing our appreciation of who He is and what He has done for us by His grace through Jesus Christ.***

- Dave Hunt

Without the heart it is not worship; it is a stage play; an acting of a part without being that person – it is to be a hypocrite. We may truly be said to worship God - though we lack perfection; but we cannot be said to worship Him if we lack sincerity.

- Stephen Charnock

Strong affections for God, rooted in and shaped by the truth of Scripture – this is the bone and marrow of biblical worship.

- John Piper

Application:

*I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that **any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven.***

- A. W. Tozer

3. Pure Worship

Illustration:

*A true love of God must begin with a delight in his holiness.
- Jonathan Edwards*

*Real worship is that of the heart.
- Harry Ironside*

Explanation:

“Worship is the response of a heart evoked by the beauty, glory, and allure of the object of Christianity’s mental focus—holy God. No one can do this for us, we must discipline ourselves to worship, thus it is a Discipline that must be cultivated. The cultivation of this discipline serves as both an end and a means. No higher goal or greater spiritual pleasure exists than focusing on and responding to God. However, the discipline of worship is also a means to our own sanctification, resulting in godliness—because people become like their focus.

*Worship often includes words and actions, but it goes beyond them to the focus of the mind and heart. **Worship is the God-centered focus and response of the soul; it is being preoccupied with God.** So, no matter what you are saying or singing or doing at any moment, **you are worshiping only when the LORD is at the center of your attention.** But whenever you do focus on the infinite worth of God, you will respond in worship as surely as the moon reflects the sun.*

*Only those who have become Christ’s disciples by repentance and faith can truly worship Him. This is because these are the only people who have in them the Holy Spirit. This truth is taught by Jesus in John 4:23-24... We need to worship God as He is revealed in the Bible, not as we might want Him to be.”
- Dr. Donald Whitney*

*“Nothing teaches us about the preciousness of the Creator as much as when we learn the emptiness of everything else.”
- Charles Spurgeon*

Application:

*“If there is one characteristic more than others that contemporary public worship needs to recapture, it is this awe before the surpassingly great and gracious God.”
- Henry Sloane Coffin*

“Worship has been misunderstood as something that arises from a feeling which ‘comes upon you,’ but it is vital that we understand that it is rooted in a conscious act of the will, to serve and obey the Lord Jesus Christ.”

- Graham Kendrick

*“The worship to which we are called in our renewed state is far too important to be left to personal preferences, to whims, or to marketing strategies. **It is the pleasing of God that is at the heart of worship.** Therefore, our worship must be informed at every point by the Word of God as we seek God’s own instructions for worship that is pleasing to Him.”*

- R.C. Sproul

“A man can no more diminish God’s glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word, ‘darkness’ on the walls of his cell.”

- C.S. Lewis

*“Corporate worship is a regular gracious reminder that **it’s not about you.** You’ve been born into a life that is a celebration of another.”*

- Paul David Tripp

“We must never rest until everything inside us worships God.”

- A.W. Tozer

“We should know and celebrate God with our whole person. While too many Christians neglect to serve God with the mind, others cultivate only their minds and neglect the emotional aspects of worship.”

- Craig S. Keener

“When men worship Jesus Christ, they do not fall at his feet in broken submission, but in wondering love.

- William Barclay

“In worship silence is far more than the absence of sound. Silence constitutes a vital part of the divine-human dialogue. In silence, worshipers can experience interchanges with God that will not be known where silence does not prevail.”

- C. Welton Gaddy

I must take time to worship the One whose name I bear. - Oswald Chambers

Whenever the method of worship becomes more important than the Person of worship, we have already prostituted our worship.

- Judson Cornwall

What we worship determines what we become. – Harvey F. Ammerman

When I worship, I would rather my heart be without words than my words be without heart. – Lamar Boschman

If our knowledge of God is superficial, our worship will be superficial – R.C. Sproul

*“Don’t let your life give evidence against your tongue. Sing with your voices...
sing also with your conduct.”*

Augustine

Worship is adoring contemplation of God.

- R.A. Torrey

The foundation of true holiness and true Christian worship is the doctrine of the gospel, what we are to believe. So, when Christian doctrine is neglected, forsaken, or corrupted, true holiness and worship will also be neglected, forsaken, and corrupted.

- John Owen

“Worship is what we were created for. This is the final end of all existence—the worship of God. God created the universe so that it would display the worth of His glory. And He created us so that we would see this glory and reflect it by knowing and loving it—with all our heart and soul and mind and strength. The church needs to build a common vision of what worship is and what she is gathering to do on Sunday morning and scattering to do on Monday morning.”

John Piper

“The heart of God loves a persevering worshipper who, though overwhelmed by many troubles, is overwhelmed even more by the beauty of God.”

Matt Redman

Application:

Forms and rituals do not produce worship, nor does the disuse of forms and rituals. We can use all the right techniques and methods, we can have the best possible liturgy, but we have not worshipped the Lord until Spirit touches spirit.

- Richard J. Foster

Worship is our innermost being responding with praise for all that God is, through our attitudes, actions, thoughts, and words, based on the truth of God as He has revealed Himself.

- John MacArthur

I never knew how to worship until I knew how to love.

- Henry Ward Beecher

Worship begins in holy expectancy, it ends in holy obedience...
Worship is not an external activity precipitated by the right environment.
- Erwin Lutzer

The simplest way to define worship is that it is to attribute worth to God's revealed character. The command to "ascribe to the Lord the glory due to His name" in Psalm 29:2 does not mean we add anything to God. It simply means that we acknowledge Him for who He is and in this way glorify or honor Him. This is precisely what is being done in heaven (Rev. 4:11, 5:12).
- William Thrasher

Worship is our response to the overtures of love from the heart of the Father. Its central reality is found 'in spirit and truth.' It is kindled within us only when the Spirit of God touches our human spirit.
- Richard J. Foster

"A checkbook is a theological document, it will tell you who and what you worship."
Billy Graham

"Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is.
Missions exist because worship doesn't."
John Piper

Worship is simply glorifying God; this means
there is nothing required of us that cannot be done as an act of worship.
Worship is our innermost being responding with praise for all that God is, through our attitudes, actions, thoughts, and words, based on the truth of God as He has revealed Himself.
- John MacArthur

We must devote, not only times and places to prayer, but be everywhere in the spirit of devotion; with hearts always set toward heaven, looking up to God in all our actions, and doing everything as His servants; living in the world as in a holy temple of God, and always worshiping Him, though not with our lips, yet with the thankfulness of our hearts, the holiness of our actions and the pious and charitable use of all His gifts.
- William Law

CLOSE:

We are never nearer Christ than when we find ourselves lost in a holy amazement at His unspeakable love.
- John Owen

“Worship is simply about value. The simplest definition I can give is this: Worship is our response to what we value most. That’s why worship is that thing we all do. It’s what we’re all about on any given day... the trail never lies. We may say we value this thing or that thing more than any other, but the volume of our actions speaks louder than our words...” “...It’s easy: You simply follow the trail of your time, your affection, your energy, your money, and your allegiance. At the end of that trail you’ll find a throne; and whatever, or whoever, is on that throne is what’s of highest value to you. On that throne is what you worship.”

Louie Giglio

For What?

I wonder if there was ever a time when true spiritual worship was at a lower ebb. To great sections of the church, the art of worship has been lost entirely, and in its place has come that strange and foreign thing called the "program." This word has been borrowed from the stage and applied with sad wisdom to the public service which now passes for worship among us.

- A. W. Tozer

***Worship is rooted in an event –
the living, dying, and rising again of Jesus Christ in history.***

- Robert Webber

So What?

“Much revelation of God fosters much focus on God, which in turn evokes much worship of God”

Whitney

“We are perishing for lack of wonder, not for lack of wonders.”—G.K. Chesterton

Now What?

Fruitful and acceptable worship begins before it begins.

- Alexander MacLaren

Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness, the nourishment of the mind with His truth, the purifying of the imagination of His beauty, the opening of the heart to His love, the surrender of the will to His purpose.

- William Temple

*God meant that a convert should learn to be a worshiper, and after that he can learn to be a worker...**The work done by a worshiper will have eternity in it.***

- A. W. Tozer

Worship is an inward feeling and outward action that reflects the worth of God.

- John Piper

*To be used of God. Is there anything more encouraging, more fulfilling? Perhaps not, but there is something more basic: to meet with God. To linger in His presence, to shut out the noise of the city and, in quietness, give Him the praise He deserves. Before we engage ourselves in His work, **let's meet Him in His Word... in prayer... in worship.***

- Chuck Swindoll

"God directs his people not simply to worship but to sing his praises 'before the nations.' We are called not simply to communicate the gospel to nonbelievers; we must also intentionally celebrate the gospel before them."

Timothy J. Keller

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, thank You so much for the Truth and Love of Your Word, will, and ways. Please help us to absorb and apply ALL that You have shared and commanded in the Bible. May our heads be infilled with Your defining Scriptures, for the express purpose of informing, inspecting, and inspiring our sanctified hearts and serving hands.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen and Amen

Support Sermon:

"Wholehearted – How Christians Cry"

Psalm 119:145b

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