

“Tools of the Trade: Worship”

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Humans are wired to worship God

One recipe for worship:

Mix together awe, wonder, respect, and total submission. Add a tablespoon of gratitude and a teaspoon of grace.

Worship of God is not dependent on how we feel or whether present circumstances are favorable or not.

“The magistrates ordered [Paul and Silas] to be stripped and beaten. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison...About midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God.” Acts 16:22-24

There is a difference between Praise (worship) and thanksgiving.

Praise/Worship is praising God for who He is. Thanksgiving is thanking Him for who He is.

Wrongly placed worship is idolatry.

“I, John, heard and saw these things. When I heard them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel...He said, ‘Do not do it! Worship God.’” Revelation 22:8-9

WORSHIP → GOD

LOVE → OTHERS

APPRECIATE → THINGS

Addictions are misplaced worship.

Worship of God is the most important element in heaven.

“Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne, and sang, ‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth, and wisdom and strength and honor, and glory, and praise.’ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth...singing, ‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power forever and ever!’ The four living creatures said, ‘Amen’ and the elders fell down and worshipped.”

Revelation. 5:11-14.

IMPROVING OUR WORSHIP

1. get Pandora or another similar program on your phone.
2. Start your prayers with worship
3. Regularly read worship Psalms: Psalm 47, 96, 97, 98, 100, 105:1-8, 108, 111, 148, 149, 150
4. Have Christian worship music playing in your home.
5. Listen to worship music in your car.
6. Take a few minutes regularly (even one minute) to praise and worship God