



Message Five: WORSHIP AS A LIFESTYLE
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It is important to see that true worship is not dependent on external actions. It is possible for Christians to worship while doing ordinary tasks like washing dishes. It is also possible for Christians NOT to worship while doing activities strongly related to worship like singing at church or praying. Let us start with the lowest common denominator. That is, what must always occur for anyone to worship the Lord? The answer is a "consciousness of God."

-- Patrick Kavanaugh
WORSHIP—A WAY OF LIFE,

We cannot encounter the living God and simply carry on as before. Life changes when we encounter God. Worship cannot simply be limited to religious ritual carried on in "sacred spaces." True worship turns all of life into a sacred place. God intends for all of life experienced as worship.

WORSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

God is not honored by words alone.

God is moved by words that are authenticated by **actions**.

Matthew 15:8, These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. (NIV)

James 2:17, *Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?* (Msg)

John 14:15, *If you love me, show it by doing what I've told you.* (Msg)

When it comes to worship, what matters is **what** you say, **how** you say it, and whether you **mean** it.

WORSHIP IS PLACING OUR LIVES AT HIS DISPOSAL

Giving God everything is our only **right response** to his grace and mercy.

Romans 12:1, *Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.* (NIV)

Romans 12:1, *So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.* (Msg)

True worship is willing **sacrifice** in obedience to God.

Genesis 22:5, *Abraham said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey. My son and I will go over there and worship, and then we will come back to you."* (NCV)

John 21:18-22, *"I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked...You went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will take you where you don't want to go." Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, "Follow me." Peter turned around and saw behind them the disciple Jesus loved (John)...Peter asked Jesus, "What about him, Lord?" Jesus*

replied, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? As for you, follow me." (NIV)

WE ARE CALLED TO 'CONTINUALLY' WORSHIP GOD

Hebrews 13:15-16, *Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. (NASB)*

Continually means that in **every moment** we are looking for ways to glorify him.

Worship is from our **lips** and from our **lives**.

Worship as a lifestyle involves **words**, **servicing**, and **generosity**.

True worshipers are consumed with one key idea:

God is pleased!

Each day, we are deciding the **punctuation mark** at the end of our lives.