
Becoming a Worshipper

Series: 40 Days of Purpose—Worship

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

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. ²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

1. THE MOTIVE OF WORSHIP-RECOGNITION OF WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU.

v. 1a *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy..."*

2 Corinthians 1:3 (NKJV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort . . .

Luke 6:36 (NIV)

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Ephesians 4:32 (CEV)

Instead, be kind and merciful, and forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ.

- My response of worship comes when we understand what God has done for me.
- My motive flows out of love and appreciation.
- To neglect worship demonstrates my contempt for all God has done for me.

2. THE OBJECTIVE OF WORSHIP-OFFERING OURSELVES AS LIVING SACRIFICES.

v. 1b *"...to offer your bodies as living sacrifices..."*

- I offer myself as a living sacrifice as opposed to dead animal sacrifices.

Hebrews 13:15 (NIV)

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise--the fruit of lips that confess his name.

- God will not take me hostage, I must surrender myself.

Romans 6:13 (NIV)

Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have

been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

- God can use a yielded spirit for His Kingdom.

3. THE RESULTS OF WORSHIP-BRINGING PLEASURE TO GOD.

v. 1c *"...holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship."*

- I become holy when I surrender myself to God.

1 Peter 1:15 (NIV)

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;

2 Timothy 2:21 (CEV)

That's also how it is with people. The ones who stop doing evil and make themselves pure will become special. Their lives will be holy and pleasing to their Master, and they will be able to do all kinds of good deeds.

- When I surrender myself to God, my offering is pleasing to God

2 Corinthians 5:9 (NASB-U)

Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

Philippians 4:18 (NIV)

I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

4. THE IMPACT OF WORSHIP-PRODUCING LIFE CHANGE IN US.

v. 2 *"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will."*

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV)

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Life change requires two things of us:

1. Not conforming to this world.
2. Being transformed by renewing our minds.

Being a worshipper requires that I surrender myself to God so that I can no longer be like the world, but experience life