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Wholehearted Worship

Lifting God Up to His Proper Place

Worship is a lifestyle. We worship in community, gathering regularly with God's people. We also worship in the flow of a normal day. Our life should be punctuated by praise, celebration, and honoring God for all He is and all He does. Our worship is both Spirit-filled and Spirit-led. Wholehearted worship comes from our hearts and moves our lips and lives to exalt the God who made us and loves us. As we worship in Spirit and truth, the world looks on and wonders if this God we worship might be real, and worthy of their praise also.

Indicators of Growth:

1. **Consistent** - mature followers of Jesus hunger to meet God in the community of His people. They make regular worship a priority in their life. (Hebrews 10:25)
2. **Joyful** - a worshipper who sees the face of Jesus and enters the presence of Almighty God will discover joy in their heart and on their lips. (Psalm 95:1-2 & 126:2)
3. **Sacramental** - one of the values of gathering for worship is to celebrate the sacraments of communion and baptism with God's people. These are times of deep intimacy and astounding joy. (Acts 20:7; Luke 22:19-20; Luke 3:21-22; Matthew 28:19)
4. **Spirit-Filled and Spirit-Led** - worship invites the Spirit of God to move in power. It also acknowledges the presence of God's Holy Spirit wherever we are or gather. (John 4:23)
5. **Authenticity** - seeking the face of God and lifting Him to His proper place calls us to be honest with God about who we are and who He is. (John 4:23)
6. **Passion** - encountering God in worship unleashes passion and excitement about meeting with the One who loves us. When spiritually curious people see this, they are moved to wonder if this God might be real. (2 Samuel 6:14)
7. **Embodied and Engaged**- Spirit-filled worship engages not only our heart, but our bodies. We demonstrate our inward experience through outward expressions of song, dance, clapping of hands, lifting of hands, bowing before God, and other natural expressions. (Psalm 63:4; 2 Samuel 6:14; Psalm 96:1)

Ideas for Action to Grow in Wholehearted Worship:

1. Seek to break out in spontaneous praise and worship on the flow of an ordinary day when you have moments alone with God.
2. Prepare for gathered worship. Get a good night of rest the night before, get up well before the service time, read Psalm 100 and 150, arrive at church early, greet a few

people and engage in short conversations. Before the service begins, say a quick prayer asking God to move in your life in a powerful way, and pray for others as they come in. As the service begins, engage with all your heart and watch what happens!
3. Sing with passion among the people of God when you come to church.
4. Commit to attending church weekly, even when you are out of town.
5. Choose to listen to worship music more often throughout the day.
6. Write a psalm of praise, confession, or adoration and share it with someone.
7. Create a Spotify/Apple Music playlist with your favorite worship songs.
8. Find time in the flow of your day to celebrate the goodness of God and lift up praise for who He is and thanks for all He has done.

Resources for Growth in Wholehearted Worship:

Organic Disciples Resources:

1. *Organic Disciples, Seven Ways to Grow Spiritually and Naturally Share Jesus* (The Book), Part 3 (Chapters 10-12) on Wholehearted Worship, Pages 103-134.
2. *Organic Disciples, Seven Ways to Grow Spiritually and Naturally Share Jesus* (Study Guide), on Wholehearted worship, Pages 45-57.
3. *Organic Disciples, Free Online Video Teaching - Wholehearted Worship*
4. Organic Outreach International website, www.OrganicOutreach.org

Books/Articles:

1. Block, Daniel, "Worship God at All Times. If Necessary Use Music" Christianity Today, 22 April 2019
2. Chan, Francis *Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God*
3. Craig, William Lane *Reasonable Faith: Christian Truth and Apologetics*
4. Harney, Kevin G., "Chapter 4: The Seismic Shift from Me to God" *Seismic Shifts: The Little Changes that Make a Big Difference in Your Life*
5. Harney, Kevin G., "Chapter 6: The Seismic Shift from Monologue to Dialogue" *Seismic Shifts: The Little Changes that Make a Big Difference in Your Life*
6. Morgenthaler, Sally *Worship Evangelism*
7. Noland, Rory *Worship on Earth as it is in Heaven*,
8. Neale, Michael and Whaley, Vernon *The Way of Worship*
9. Tozer, A.W. *The Purpose of Man: Designed to Worship*
10. Tozer, A.W. *Whatever Happened to Worship?: A Call to True Worship*

Websites/Sermons/Podcasts/Bible Studies:

1. "Metrics... Measurements that Matter: Worship and Prayer" Shoreline Church, Pastor Kevin Harney, 25 February 2018
2. "The Power of Song" The Village Church Sermon Podcasts, Matt Chandler, 18 February 2018
3. *Holy Roar: Seven Words That Will Change the Way You Worship 4-Session Bible Study Series*. Study Gateway

Apps/Other:

1. Abide Meditation App
2. Spotify App/Pandora App/Apple Music App

Resources for Kids:

1. Seeds Family Worship, creator. *Seeds of Praise 24 Videos.* RightNow Media, 2015