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Introduction

We have been looking at some **DISCIPLINES** that ought to be in each of our lives in order that we might live godly lives that are pleasing to the LORD!

Understand that to the extent that these **DISCIPLINES** that we are dealing with are in our lives, there will be *godliness* in our lives. To the extent that these **DISCIPLINES** are missing from our lives, there will also be something missing from our spiritual lives that ought to be there!

We have looked at three **DISCIPLINES** we need in our first two messages:

WE NEED THE DISCIPLINE OF THE GOSPEL!

This is at the very foundation of living a godly life! If one is missing this **DISCIPLINE**, they will fail to achieve a godly walk!

The Gospel is the very source of godliness in our lives! One CANNOT live a godly life without the indwelling Holy Spirit! It is impossible!

WE NEED THE DISCIPLINE OF SUBMISSION!

*Willingly bringing our lives into SUBMISSION to God's will in **everything** is the key to being a godly person! Finding and doing the will of God is the key to having joy and living the abundant life in Christ! "Not my will, but Thine!"*

WE NEED THE DISCIPLINE OF PRAYER!

PRAYER is our line of COMMUNICATION WITH GOD! For by prayer we confess our sins to God, offer our thanksgiving to God, verbalize our submission to God, offer our petitions to God, as well as intercede on behalf of others to God.

One cannot live a godly life apart from having an active PRAYER life!

Now, let's look at another DISCIPLINE that is needed in our lives as Believers:

WE NEED THE DISCIPLINE OF WORSHIP!

Understand that our **WORSHIP** should encompass **ALL OF OUR LIFE**, not just when we come assemble ourselves together as the LORD's Church Body!

I say that because in the Bible, **WORSHIP** is used to describe **both SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES and A WAY OF LIFE!**

I. THERE ARE SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES MENTIONED IN SCRIPTURE THAT ARE ALL INTERTWINED IN OUR WORSHIP OF THE LORD!

Praising The LORD – With our lips and with our life!

Thanking The LORD – With our lips and with our life!

Thinking On The LORD – Thinking on the LORD works its way from our hearts and minds into our outward worship and life! (Lips and life!)

Adoration Of The LORD – Adoration is really just another word for WORSHIP!

Singing Unto The LORD with our hearts and with our lips!

Playing Instruments Unto The LORD!

Singing Of The LORD Unto Others! (Lips)

Colossians 3:16–“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

Serving The LORD! (Life)

Colossians 3:17–“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”

Colossians 3:23–“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.”

1 Corinthians 10:31– “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”

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Expressing Our Reverence For The LORD! (Lips and life!)

Testifying Of The LORD To Others! (Lips and life!)

Giving To The LORD! (Lips, Life, Everything!)

Psalm 50:23– “Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me...”

Hebrews 13:15–“By him [JESUS] therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.”

Psalm 22:22–“I will declare thy name unto my brethren: In the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.”

1 Chronicles 16:23–“Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; Shew forth from day to day his salvation.”

Psalm 96:1-2 – “1 O sing unto the LORD a new song: Sing unto the LORD, all the earth. 2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; Shew forth his salvation from day to day.”

Psalm 13:6–“I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.”

Psalm 147:7–“Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praise upon the harp unto our God:”

Psalm 149:1–“Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, And his praise in the congregation of saints.”

Psalm 144:9–“I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: Upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.”

Psalm 30:4–“Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, And give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.”

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But listen, we must make sure that we aren't just going through the motions of worship without our heart engaged in it!

Isaiah 29:13–“Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, And with their lips do honour me, But have removed their heart far from me, And their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:”

II. THERE ARE SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES MENTIONED IN SCRIPTURE THAT ARE ALL INTERTWINED IN OUR WORSHIP OF THE LORD! SO IN A BROADER SENSE WORSHIP REFERS TO AN OVERALL LIFESTYLE OF OBEYING GOD, SERVING GOD, AND GLORIFYING GOD BY REFLECTING HIS GLORY TO OTHERS! (Matthew 5:13-16)

When we don't bring glory to the LORD with our lives, sometimes the LORD brings glory to Himself using our lives.

In *Jonah 1:9-10*, when the mariners that Jonah was sailing with were waking him up and telling him to call on his God and they cast lots to see who was the source of trouble and the lot fell on Jonah and so they began questioning him trying to figure out the reason for the storm and the Scripture says “*And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land. 10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.*”

Jonah's **words** said that he feared the LORD which speaks of a lifestyle wholly dedicated to glorifying God. But his **actions** not so much!

What was wrong? He let his **DISCIPLINE OF WORSHIP** slip! We know the result don't we? Did God get glory out of Jonah's life? He did! From the moment that the storm came while Jonah was on that ship to Tarshish, the LORD showed Himself mighty through the chastening of Jonah!

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III. THE APOSTLE PAUL CALLED FOR BELIEVERS TO HAVE
A LIFE THAT PROVES THE WILL OF GOD IN ONE’S LIFE!
(ROMANS 12:1-2)

Though Paul does not use the word “WORSHIP” here, we can see these verses are full of **WORSHIP**!

A. Paul Appeals To The Mercies Of God.

That means we actually have to think on the many ways God has been merciful to us!

B. Based Upon Our Adoration Of Him For His Mercies We
Are To Give Ourselves And All That We Are Unto Him!

When we think on His Mercies, is He worthy of our presenting our bodies to Him as a living sacrifice?

Yes, Believers give honor and glory to His name when they participate in specific acts of **WORSHIP** celebrating God’s worthiness and greatness!

We’ve talked about how **WORSHIP** can be and should be expressed in different ways by both our lips and our lives!

All of those ways require a **GIVING**...a **PRESENTING** if you will, of ourselves in our entirety to God to live for Him!

True **WORSHIP** takes place on the inside, within the Believer’s heart or spirit, which is the dwelling place of God now! But it should move the Believer to live His life for God!

In *Romans 12:1*, Paul said that we are to present our bodies a *living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God*, which is our *reasonable service*.

We know that Christ is the ultimate revelation of God. So that means that He must be the central focus of our worship as understood through Scripture.

True worship has two aspects that are both important:

1. The Aspect Of Personal Worship!

This is worship by oneself at home or wherever one might be! We sometimes call it personal devotions.

2. The Aspect Of Corporal Worship!

This is worship along with others in the local Church according to the will of God!

Scripture shows that both are important in our lives!

We need to understand that true worship is a matter of **consecration**.

Consecration means to dedicate; it is the idea of **setting ourselves apart to God for His purposes**; it means to devote ourselves to God.

Every Believer must understand that our **WORSHIP** of God is a necessary **DISCIPLINE** in our lives in order to live our lives pleasing to the LORD!

Conclusion

So, examine what you call your **WORSHIP**...how does it line up with what we have seen from Scripture? Are you truly **WORSHIPING** or are we falling short of what the LORD desires from us and just calling it **WORSHIP**?

True **WORSHIP** is dependent on first having the **DISCIPLINE OF THE GOSPEL** in one’s life!

True **WORSHIP** will flow from a life that has the **DISCIPLINE OF SUBMISSION** in it!

True **WORSHIP** will flow from a life that is practicing the **DISCIPLINE OF PRAYER** in it!

You see how these **DISCIPLINES** can be dependent on each other!?