

PLANNED FOR GOD'S PLEASURE

Series: What it means to follow Christ—pt6

Mark 12:28-30

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Revelation 4:12 *"You (God) created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created."*

Matthew 22:37. He said, *"Love the Lord your God. This is the first and greatest commandment."*

Mark 12:30, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength."*

God wants me/you to love Him three ways:

First, God wants me to love Him _____. It says, "love Him with your mind."

Second, God wants me to love him _____. He says, *"with all your heart and all your soul."*

Third, He says, I want you to love me _____. *"love Me with all your strength"*,

I. Worship is focusing my _____ on God. (Thoughtfully "...with my mind")

Psalm 139 verses 1 through 3. *"You have looked deep into my heart, Lord, and You know all about me. You know when I am resting or when I am working" -- -- "You notice everything I do and everywhere I go."*

Now, how do you do that?, Now do you give God your Attention/Love.

1. Establishing a daily time with God

Matthew 6: 6 *"Find a quiet secluded **place**, so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as **simply and honestly** as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense His grace."*

2. Develop a constant conversation with God.

Psalm 105:4 *"Worship him continually."*

II. Worship is expressing my _____ to God. (Passionately "...with my heart and soul")

Hosea 6:6, God says, *"I don't want your sacrifices -- I want your love! I don't want your offerings -- I want you to know me!"*

Exodus 34, it says there, *"He is the God who is passionate about his relationship with you."*

So how can I express my affection to God?

Romans 6. It says, "Give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life."

III. Worship is Using my _____ for God. (Practically) "...with all your strength"

Colossians 3:23, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people."

In life it's not so much _____ that matters; as much as it is _____.

Romans 12:1 "Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, your eating, your going to work, your walking-around life – and place it before God" – as a what? – what? – "Offering."