

## Section 9: How do I worship God?

**Worship:** When most people think of worship the first thing that usually comes to mind is singing. Although singing praise to God is one way that we worship Him, this is actually only a small part of the New Testament's teaching on how we worship.

The New Testament teaches that worship is something we do *all the time*, through at least five different ways.

**Praise through Prayer:** *This is a praise that is “continually” being offered to God which communicates the idea of a mindset of prayer and worship.*

✚ Hebrews 13:15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us **continually** offer to God a sacrifice of **praise**— the fruit of lips that confess his name.

1. The way we praise God with our lips is:

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| a. Singing a praise song to God.                     | c. Praying with others. |
| b. Telling people about what Jesus has done for you. | d. All of the above.    |

**Works of service:** *When believers do good works for others this is an act of sacrifice and worship to God the Father.*

✚ Hebrews 13:16 And do not forget to **do good** and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

**Financial giving:** *Believers worship God by giving their money to help others and build God's kingdom.*

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✚ 1 Corinthians 16:2 On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

✚ 2 Corinthians 9:7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.....11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion...12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

**Evangelism:** *Believers worship God when they proclaim His gospel to the world. Those who come to Jesus are an offering to Him.*

✚ Romans 15:15 I have written ... because of the grace God gave me 16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of **proclaiming the gospel of God**, so that the Gentiles might become **an offering acceptable to God**, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

**Devoting your whole life to Christ:** *The greatest picture of worship is that we give our entire life as an act of worship to God.*

✚ 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.

✚ 1Corinthians 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1) How have these verses expanded your understanding of worship to God?

2) Circle the actions that can be acts of worship.

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| a. Praise songs              | f. Confessing your sin to your husband/wife. |
| b. Praying                   | g. Painting a picture                        |
| c. Giving money for ministry | h. Telling a friend about Jesus              |
| d. Taking a shower           | i. Paying your taxes                         |
| e. Disciplining your child   |  |

