

Worship- You Were Planned For God's Pleasure

I. How Do We Live a lifestyle of Worship?

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 for worship. 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 - good, pleasing and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2 NIV)

1. The principle of DEDICATION.

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- Worship is VOLUNTARY dedication of your life to God.

We live for God not out of OBLIGATION, but out of GRATITUDE.

- Worship is PRACTICAL dedication of your life to God.

Haven't you yet learned that your body is the home of the Holy Spirit God gave you, and that he lives within you? Your body does not belong to you. For God had bought you with a great price. So use every part of your body to give glory back to God, because he owns it. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 LB)

- Worship is COMPLETE dedication of your life to God.

2. The principle of INSULATION.

Do not conform any longer to the patten of this world.... (Romans 12:2a NIV)

Don't let the world squeeze you into its mold. (Romans 12:2 PH)

3. The Principle of TRANSFORMATION. Verse 2b

....be transformed by the renewing of your mind. (Romans 12:2bNIV)

"I always keep the Lord in front of me. When he is by my side, I cannot be moved. "That is why my heart is glad and my soul rejoices. My body rests securely. (Psalm 16:8-9 GWT)

II. Three Reasons We Should Live for God's Pleasure

1. Living a life of worship is God's GOOD WILL for you.

We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. (Romans 8:28 NLT)

2. Living a life of worship is God's PLEASING WILL for you.

I know the plans I have for you..... Plans for good, not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11 LB)

3. Living a life of worship is God's PERFECT WILL for you.