

Obedient Worshiper

Love God wholeheartedly and do His will

Overview

We become like what we worship. When God created humanity, His intention was always for us to be His image-bearers. The first and great commandment, according to Jesus, is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength (**Matthew 22:37-39**). Every area of our lives should come under the lordship of Jesus.

Worship is not simply singing and praising God to music, but the total alignment of one's life with who God is. Jesus is clear that hearing and doing the word is what true obedience looks like. Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven" (**Matthew 7:12-27**). To worship God means that we love Him with every part of who we are and obey Him in every part of our lives.

Jesus tells us that true worshipers worship 'in spirit and in truth' (John 4:24). In spirit, because our hearts are transformed by the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, and in truth, because our lives become aligned with God's Word. As disciples of Jesus, we must be freed from the power of sin through the filling of the Holy Spirit and must actively surrender every area of our lives under the authority of God's Word (**Romans 6:1-14**). We must crucify the flesh and walk in the Spirit (**Galatians 5:16-25**) The result of God's transforming work is *holiness*—God's desire for our lives (**1 Peter 1:13-21**).

Holiness is not about following a set of rules to avoid God's punishment; it is the life of God at work in us to restore us from our sinful rebellion back to his original, perfect design for our lives (**Colossians 3:1-17**). We depend completely on Jesus and what He has done (**Hebrews 12:1-3**). His loving mission is to rescue us from our brokenness so we can fully experience the abundant life that he made us for (**Matthew 5:3-12**). We are only able to continue in our transformed lives as we stay closely connected to Jesus (**John 15:1-17**). We lovingly obey and submit to King Jesus in response to this undeserved divine love.

Obedient Worshipers live and love like Jesus by crucifying the flesh, surrendering everything to Jesus, and doing the Father's will by the power of the Spirit.

Key Scriptures

- Matthew 5:3-12
- Matthew 7:12-27
- Matthew 22:37-39
- John 15:1-17
- Romans 6:1-14
- Galatians 5:16-25
- Colossians 3:1-17
- Hebrews 12:1-3

Essential Life Patterns

- Practice daily time in God's Word and HEAR journals
- Cultivate a daily time of prayer (including FRANC list)
- Worship weekly with the church family.
- Engage in biblical community with other believers.
- Give to the Kingdom of God, including a tithe to the local church.
- Exhibit godly priorities and holy living (biblical lifestyle statements)
- Deal with anything that replaces God (idols).

Resources

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