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WHY AM I HERE?

LESSON 2

TITLE: PLANNED FOR GOD'S PLEASURE

Everything was created for God's pleasure. You were made for His pleasure.

You were created to love God, but there's a flip side to that, God wants you to love Him back.

Loving God back is called, "Worship"

Worship is expressing our love to God.

When I say worship, what do you think of?

Singing , music or prayer... those are expressions of worship.

Worship is far more than those things.

Worship in its essences is knowing and loving God.

This is your #1 purpose in life.

Worship is your primary objective, your highest priority, and your first purpose.

Learning to love God back.

We are wired to worship.

Every culture worship something.

If you don't worship God, you're going to find a substitute.

Romans 12:1

Because of God's great mercy to us... offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to His service and pleasing to Him. This is the true worship that you should offer.

Worship is my response to God's love.

Because of God's great mercy to us... He takes the first step.

Worship is giving back to God.

God gives to us, and we give back to Him.

What do you give a God that has everything.

In worship you give to God the one thing He doesn't have... you love.

Mark 12:30

Love the Lord God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

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Worship is expressing my affection to God.

That's what it means to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul".

In other words, God wants you to love Him passionately.

The most important thing in life is to know God loves you.

The most important thing in life you can do, is to love Him back.

This first reason God put you on earth was for you to get to know Him and love Him back.

Do you know how to love God Back? Maybe you grew up in a home that did not express their love verbally?

You can start loving God back by saying, "Thank You God."

Thank you for a beautiful day.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you that have breathe.

Thank you that I woke up this morning.

Just start by being thankful. It's a good way to start by expressing you love to God.

Exodus 34:14

He is a God who is passionate about His relationship with you.

God knows you...

God wants your love to come from your heart.

I don't want your sacrifices - I want your love... I want you to know me.

The greatest way to express your love to God is by giving your life to Him.

Remember, worship is always our response to God's love.

1 John 4:19

We love Him because He first loved us.

Worship is focusing my attention on God.

Focusing my attention is loving God with all my mind.

God wants you to love Him thoughtfully.

God wants you focus because he is focused on you.

Psalms 139:1

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.

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God has focused His attention on you. And He wants you to focus your attention on Him.

Colossians 3:2

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Focus on Him. Take some time throughout the day and focus on 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.

You can do this anywhere... just find a place you can be alone with God.

Develop constant conversation with God.

Psalms 105:4

Worship Him continually.

You think about God throughout the day. You included Him in every activity of your day.

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, whose thoughts are fixed on You.

When you fix your thoughts on God, God will fix your thoughts.

Worship is using my abilities for God.

This is loving God with all your strength.

God wants you to love Him practically, with your actions.

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.

It's not what you do that matters, it's who you do it for.

God doesn't just want worship to be a church thing, He wants it to be a whole life thing.

Romans 12:1

Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going to work, and walking around life and place it before God as an offering.

"Offering" here in this passage is taking about offering yourself, not your money.

You can do your job to the glory of God.

You can fix cars to the glory of God.

You can wait on customer to the glory of God.

You can mow a lawn to the glory of God.

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Everything can be turned into an act of worship.

The greatest mistake you can make in life is to miss your #1 primary purpose.

To get to know and love God. To worship Him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.

It all starts when you say yes to God.

I want to bring honor to You in all areas of my life.

I want to honor You. I want to live my life as an act of worship.