

# LIVING FREER

## Romans 12:1-2

### Key Question

Why do we believe that what we have to say to God is more important than what God has to say to us?

### Worship Defined

(N) The reverent love and devotion accorded a deity, an idol or a sacred object.

(N) The ceremonies, prayers, or other religious forms by which this love is expressed.

-Merriam-Webster

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## The Essentials of Worship

### The two understandings of worship

1. The Internal- Worship must come from the heart.
2. External- Acts of worship reflecting the internal.

### 1. TWO FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS OF WORSHIP

1. We must only worship Yahweh God. **Psalms 86:9-10**
2. Worship must come from our heart. **Luke 10:27**

### 2. SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS of a TRUE WORSHIPER

1. Worship is **personal**.
  - a. **Jeremiah 29:13**
  - b. **1 Chronicles 16:11**
  - c. **Isaiah 29:13-14**

2. Worship requires **truth**.

- a. **John 4:23-24**

*God's will must be our only agenda in worship.*

3. Worship comes with **obedience**.

- a. **1 Samuel 15:22**
- b. **John 14:23**



## 2nd Key Question

*If we have surrendered everything to God, what do we have left to give to anyone or anything else? Why is it so difficult to give to God when it is already His?*

## Study Hints

Paul is the author of the book of Romans. In 57 A.D., Paul was en route to Jerusalem from Corinth with an offering from the Gentile Christians to the poor and suffering Jewish church.

The letter was to the house churches in Rome. The Christians there were under great pressure to compromise and Paul encouraged a passionate devotion to God. The battle between living for Christ or surrendering to culture was raging in a mighty way. Sound familiar?

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4. Worshipers are **humble**.

a. **James 4:10**

The closer we grow to Christ, the less it becomes about us and more about Christ.

5. Worship comes with **sacrifice**.

a. **Proverbs 3:9**

*If we have surrendered everything to God, what do we have left to give to anyone or anything else?* If you have already given your LIFE to God, then giving a tithe or offering, or time or talents is not truly a sacrifice. You can not sacrifice what you have already given away. Instead, you are just making the delivery.

6. Worshipers pursue **holiness**.

a. **1 Peter 1:13-16**

b. **Psalms 51:10**

We are unable to achieve holiness without the grace of God. However, through His grace we are made holy. If this were not true, we could have no fellowship with a holy God.

7. Worshipers demonstrate **loyalty**.

a. **Exodus 20:2-3a**

Loyalty shows up in service, in our decisions, in our tithes and offerings...essentially in every aspect of our lives.

notes:



## A Key Thought

*If God does not pour into us, then we have nothing to pour into worship.*

-Pastor Daryl Hall

*...probably some dude said it before, we really don't know.*

## Other Pastor Quotes to Quote from our Pastor Who Quoted These Quotes

If you are not in love with God's Word, then you are not in love with God.

We are to live on mission for Christ or we are not living at all.

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### 3. Five ACTS of true worship.

1. **Prayer.** Talking directly to God is our first true act of worship.

a. **Jeremiah 29:12**

2. **Study of God's WORD.** The study of God's Word is essential to knowing God, and knowing God is essential to true worship.

a. **Pslams 119:100-115**

*If God does not pour into us, then we have nothing to pour into worship, we have nothing to offer God*

3. **Service.** Serving our fellow believers and reaching the lost for Christ are acts of worship. *We are to live on mission for Christ or we are not living at all.*

a. **1 Corinthians 15:58**

4. **Giving.** Giving of our tithes and offerings, our talents and time, and even our very hearts are pale gifts in comparison to all that God has given us. We are called to give everything to God and the surprise is, God is all we need.

a. **Matthew 16:24**

b. **2 Corinthians 9:7**

5. **Sing.** We are back to singing. Music is a tool, a gift from God, for more than worship. Music can be used for evangelism, teaching and instructing and for encouraging each other. But in Worship, for those who worship in Spirit and in truth, and those who worship from the heart, music can lift a true offering to God.

a. **Ephesians 5:19**

Closing Verse:

1 Chronicles 16:31

**Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
And let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns."**

