

# PERSONAL 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 of worship.***

***Romans 12:1***

Corporate worship is worship with other individuals. Personal worship is worshipping by ourselves.

Corporate worship was never meant to be an external “event” but rather an internal “drawing” to a lifestyle of worship of God.

Satan attempts to cheapen, formalize, and externalize our pursuit of God. In worship, Satan desires that we focus on the worship leader or our co-worshippers or our style of worship.

We are not invited to love worship but to love God through worship.

Corporate worship is meant to enhance our personal worship and our personal worship is meant to enhance our corporate worship.

**Personal Worship definition:** It is attributing worth to God one on one with God. The focus is on Him completely. It does not include asking Him for anything but simply directing our thoughts on Him while enjoying His presence.

## **1. Spontaneous Personal Worship: God Initiates It**

A. We see God move supernaturally and it leads us to worship Him.

B. God touches us emotionally and it leads us to worship Him.

1. a song
2. a scripture
3. a thought
4. a comment
5. a desire

C. We sense His powerful presence and it leads us to worship Him.

## **2. Purposed Personal Worship: I Initiate It**

A. Use of Scripture

B. Use of Music: listening or singing or playing

C. Use of Reflection on Him

1. who He is
2. what He has done or is doing

D. Use of Brokenness

1. confession and repentance
2. who I am relative to who He is

## **3. The Benefits of Personal Worship**

- A. It highlights my self-centered and prideful thinking
- B. It exposes my sin in His light
- C. It delivers me beyond who I am and who He is
- D. It realigns my will with His more important will
- E. It reminds me of the simple preciousness of my relationship with him
- F. It reinvigorates my pursuit of Him
- G. It makes me revisit my desperate need of His grace
- H. It reinforces my utter dependence on Him
- I. It reaffirms my purpose in life
- J. It deepens my passion for Him
- K. It humbles me in the light of His complete holiness
- L. It readjusts His “bigness” and my “smallness” in my soul

#### **4. The Barriers to Personal Worship**

- A. Greed: My desire for “things” overshadows my desire for Him
- B. Spiritual Laziness: I make choices to ignore Him or to weaken my passion for Him
- C. Addictions: I submit to things that makes me “feel good” instead of to Him
- D. Pride: My lifestyle shouts, “I am in charge!”
- E. Poor Self-Image: I view myself as being made in my image instead of His

***Focused personal worship may be the most basic of all spiritual disciplines because it aligns my heart with God’s and prepares me to pursue Him in the other spiritual disciplines of petitioning, intercession, listening, fasting and the spiritual disciplines associated with His Word.***