

Worship in
a God-
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way

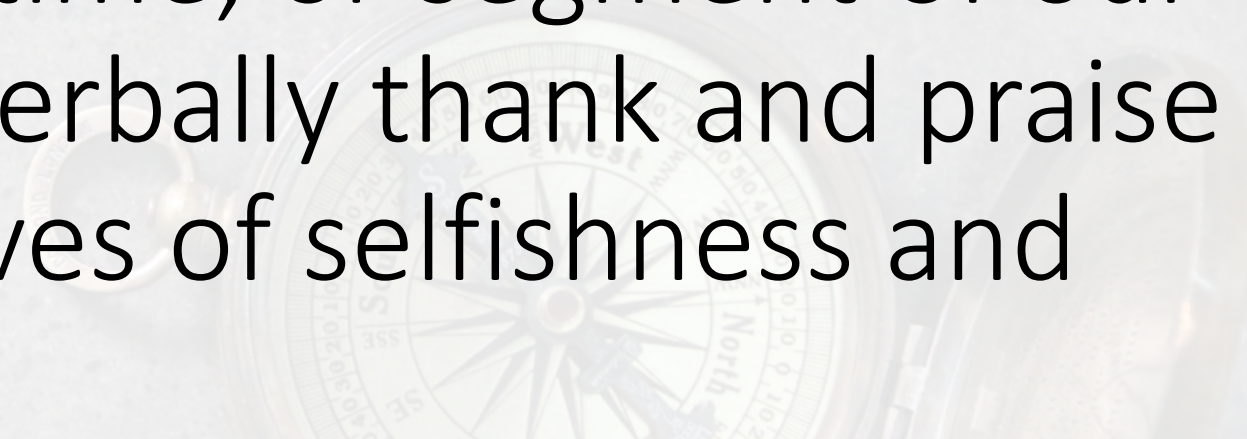


Building on the Scriptural Foundation



Origination of God-Centered Worship

Worship cannot be isolated or relegated to just one place, time, or segment of our lives. We cannot verbally thank and praise God while living lives of selfishness and carnality...



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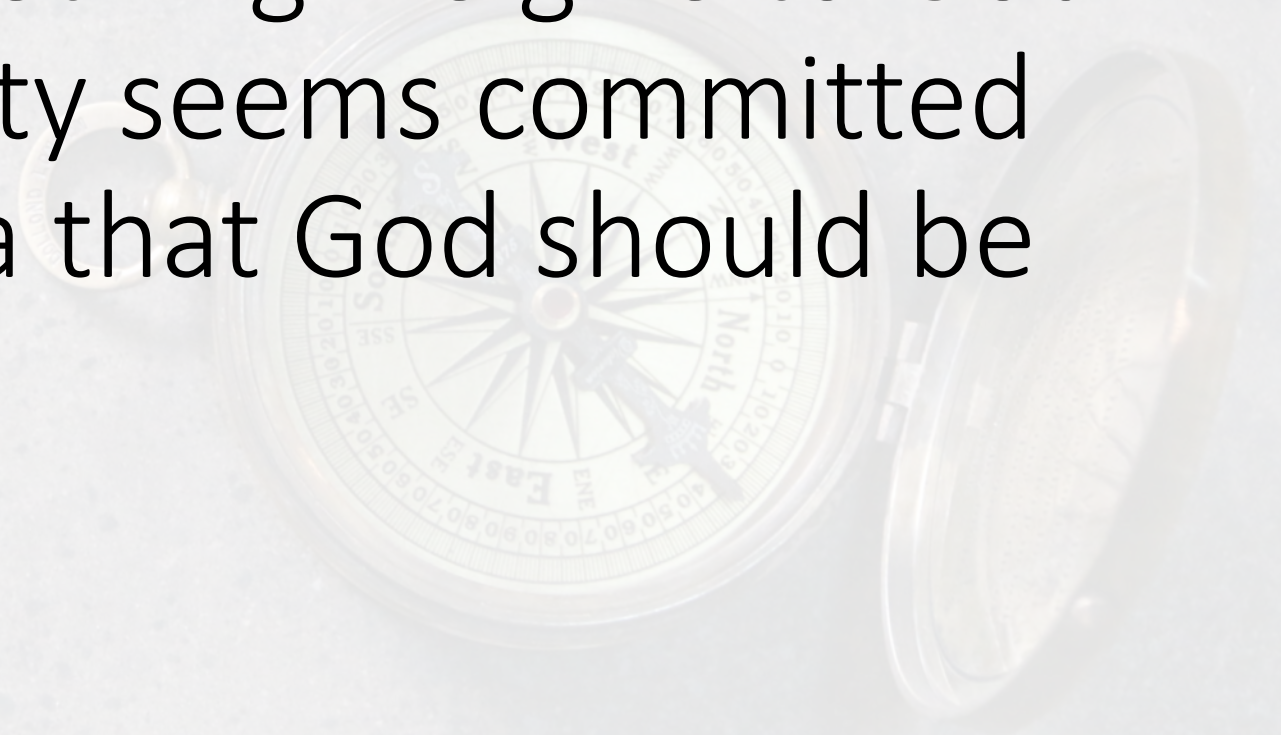
That kind of effort at worship is a perversion. Real acts of worship must be the overflow of a worshiping life.

(John MacArthur)



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"When we talk about worship, we are talking about something we give to God. Modern Christianity seems committed instead to the idea that God should be giving to us..."



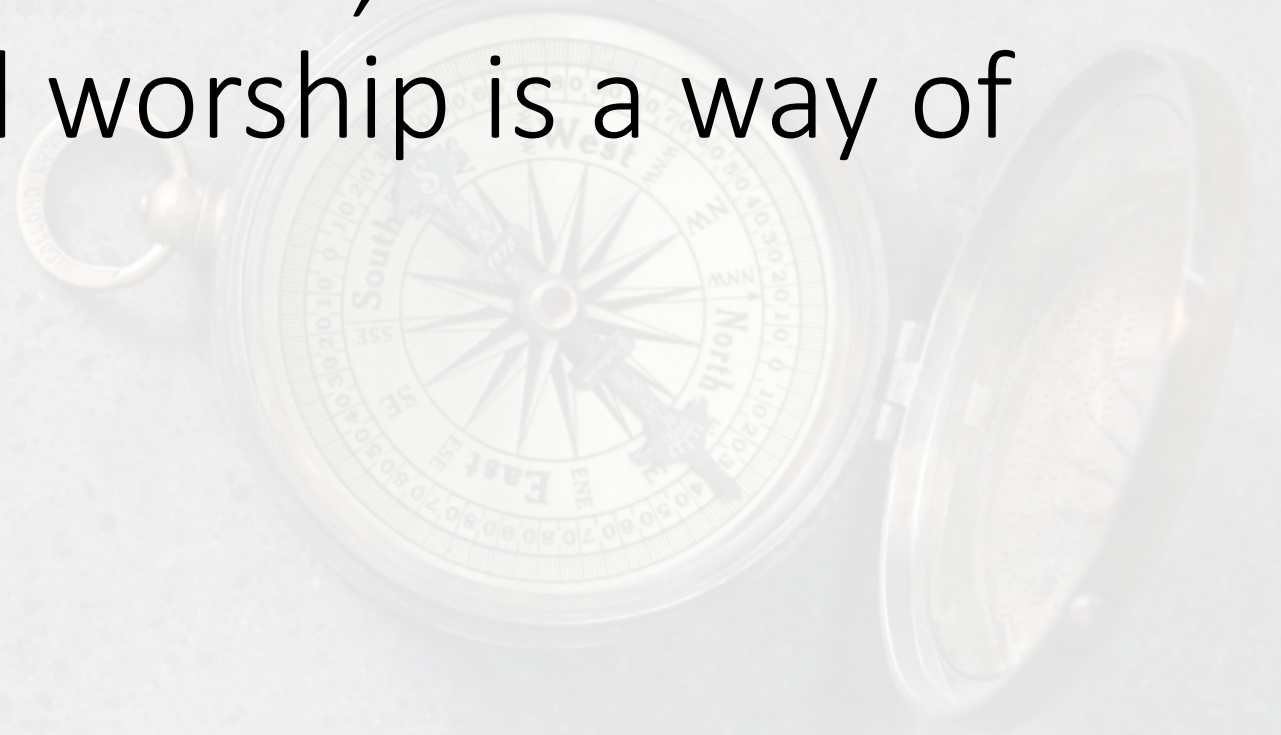
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God does give to us abundantly, but we need to understand the balance of that truth—we are to render honor and adoration to God. That consuming, selfless desire to give to God is the essence and the heart of worship...

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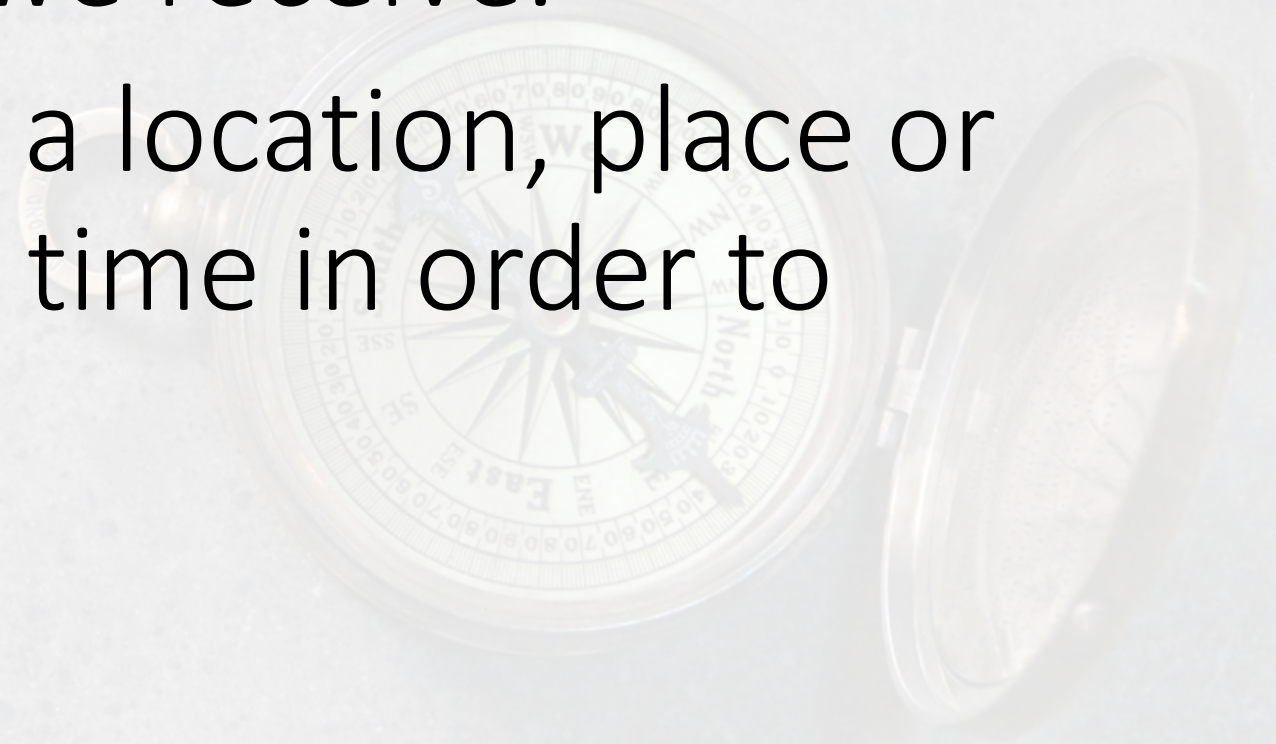
It begins with the giving first of ourselves, and then of our attitudes, and then of our possessions—until worship is a way of life.”

(John MacArthur)



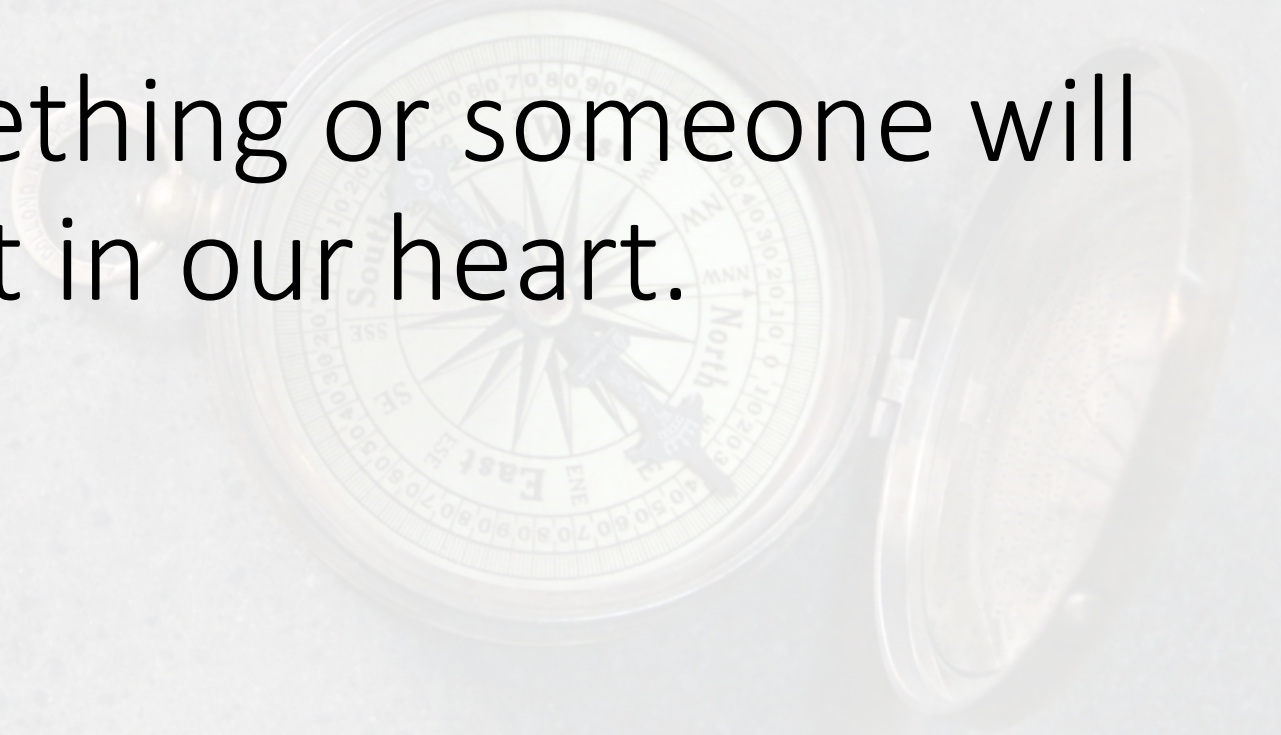
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- ✓ We are giving to God and we are not looking for what we receive.
- ✓ We do not go to a location, place or observe a certain time in order to worship.



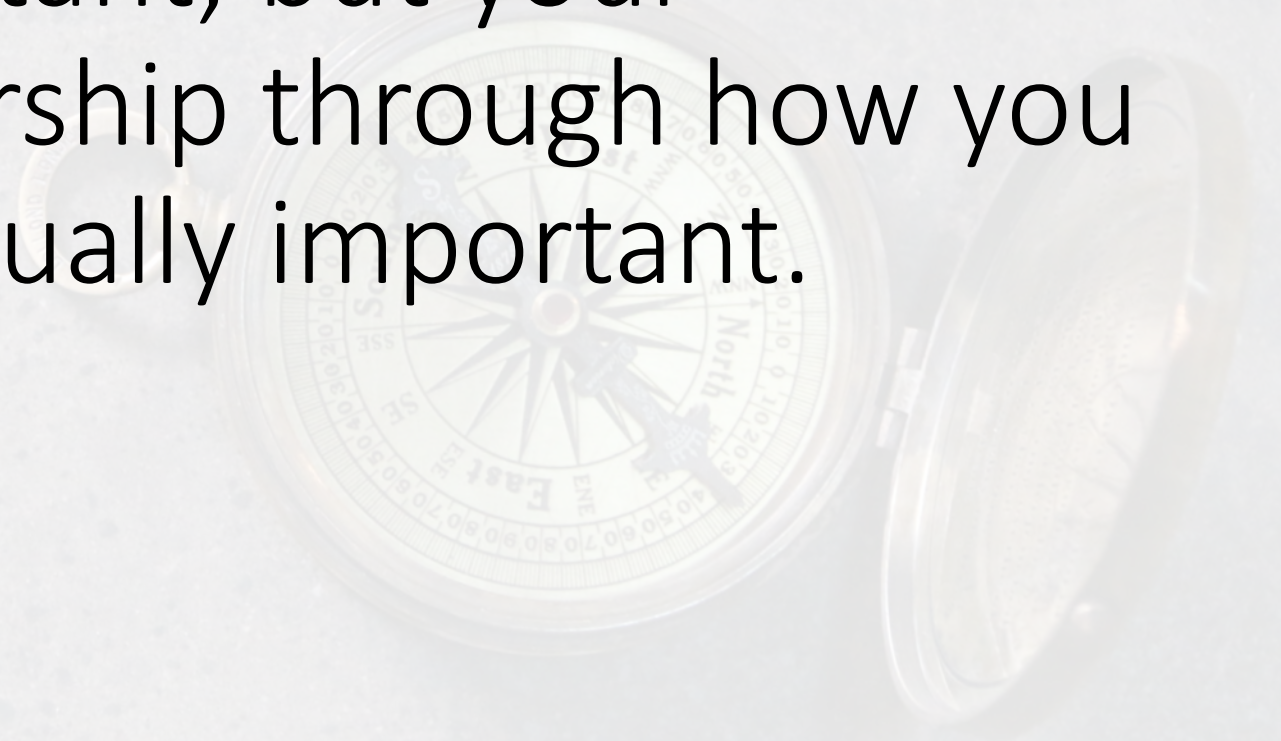
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- ✓ Worship starts in and overflows from what is going on in our heart.
- ✓ Worship of something or someone will always be present in our heart.



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- ✓ Your expression of worship on Sunday morning is important, but your expression of worship through how you live your life is equally important.



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- ✓ If your life doesn't match your worship on Sunday Morning, you are practicing deviant worship.



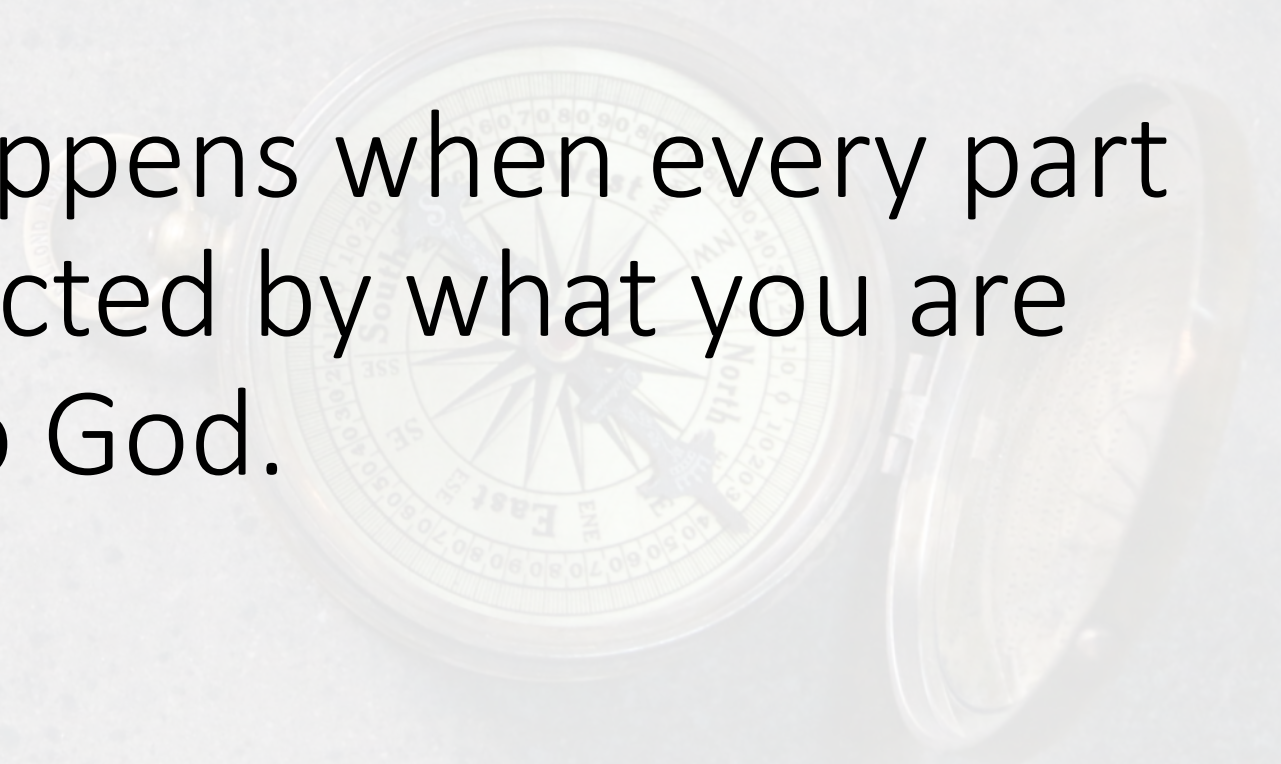
Mark 7:6-7 (NIV)

“Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’

True Worship

- ✓ True worship comes from a worshipping life.
- ✓ True worship happens when every part of your life is affected by what you are seeking to give to God.



Not convinced?

My undergrad days...



Biblical Data

- ✓ God deserves our worship
- ✓ We are unworthy, but have been saved to worship.
- ✓ Our service, relationships, time spent, talents invested, and much more are directed towards God – 7 days a week

Practical Matters

- ✓ Worship is not what moves me
- ✓ Worship is not my opinion on styles of worship
- ✓ Worship is not looking down on others who engage in a different style of worship.

Practical Matters

- ✓ Worship is not fighting about musical styles (traditional or contemporary).



Practical Matters

- ✓ Worship is communing with God substantively throughout the week
- ✓ Worship is endeavoring to have right relationships with other people in our lives (as much as possible).

Practical Matters

- ✓ Worship is choosing to give of yourself, your time, your resources, etc for the sake of God and his name in all spheres of your life: family, neighborhood, work place, church life, and more.

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