

LOVE GOD
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Love God.



Love People.



Transform Lives.



"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." Mark 12:30 (NCV)

Worship is EXPRESSING MY LOVE to God

God wants to be loved...

<u>THOUGHTFULLY</u>	"with my mind"
<u>PASSIONATELY</u>	"with my heart and soul"
<u>PRACTICALLY</u>	"with my strength"

The Biblical definition of love is:

1. A CHOICE you make

"And over all virtues, put on love which binds them all together..."

Colossians 3:14 (NIV)

2. An ACTION you take

"Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."

1 John 3:18 (NIV)

Worship is Giving God Three Things:

1. Worship is FOCUSING MY ATTENTION on God.

"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." Psalm 139:1-3 (CEV)

"Focusing on yourself is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, and ends up thinking more about self than God."

Romans 8:7 (MSG)

"Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God." Romans 12:2 (MSG)

"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, whose thoughts are fixed on You!" Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)

2. Worship is EXPRESSING MY AFFECTION to God.

"We love because God loved us first." 1 John 4:19 (CEV)

"I don't want your sacrifices—I want your love! I don't want your offerings—I want you to know Me!" Hosea 6:6 (LB)

"Give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life." Romans 6:13 (NLT)

3. Worship is USING MY ABILITIES for God.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people." Colossians 3:23 (GN)

"Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering." Romans 12:1 (MSG)

*"Our only **goal** is to please God..."* 2 Corinthians 5:9 (NCV)