

Words TO LIVE BY

Part 2: “Worship”



Worship is the mind's humble acquiescence to the fact of God.

~ Peter C. Moore

We are saved to worship God. All that Christ has done for us in the past and all that He is doing now leads to this one end.

~ A. W. Tozer, *Theologian*

Man's chief work is the praise of God.

~ Augustine of Hippo

I think the praise of God should be woman's chief work too.

~ Bruxy of Hamilton

Nowhere does the New Testament **pre-scribe** a particular form for worship. In fact, what we find is a freedom that is incredible for people with such deep roots in the synagogue liturgical system. They had the reality. When Spirit touched spirit, forms became irrelevant.

~ Richard J. Foster, *Author*

From the midst of great crisis may rise our deepest worship.

~ Ron Owens, *Musician*

There is a certain tension between spirit and structure in the Church. This tension is crucial. Structure must stay flexible; the skin must shape itself to the new wine."

~ Frank Tillapaw, *Author*

Biblical worship is celebration. When I was a child, I was given to occasional restlessness during church services. I was admonished to 'sit still, you're in church'. Somehow I got the wrong message. My folks never intended it - but I was getting the impression that God was a grouch; I wasn't convinced I could even enjoy him. I've changed my mind, or better yet, the Bible is changing my mind.

~ Daniel Baumann, *Writer*

Worship services in many churches today are like a merry-go-round. You drop a token in the collection box; it's good for a ride. There's music and lots of motion up and down. Lots of good feelings are generated, and it is the one ride you can be sure will never be the least bit threatening or challenging. But though you spend the whole time feeling as if you're moving forward, you get off exactly where you got on.

~ John McArthur, *Pastor*

The most dangerous thing that we can do is to return to spiritual worship. It would mean the end of personality cults and the "Christian consumerism" that has so twisted our sense of spiritual values.

~ Warren Wiersbe, *Pastor*

The perfect church service would be one we were almost unaware of; our attention would have been on God.

~ C. S. Lewis, *Philosopher*

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

~ Jesus of Nazareth