

GENEROUS WORSHIP

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We often think of worship as a supernatural act, but we actually worship many things in our lives. When we make money, fame, or status our first priority, we worship those things. One of our five values as a church is Generous Worship. “We believe that the only consistent response to the extravagant grace of God is whole-hearted worship – giving all of ourselves to all of God, and giving open-handedly to the needs of others as God has to our deepest needs” (Ellerslie Values). “Everything we say and do, all our obedience to God’s commands, all our relationships with others, all the use we make of our gifts, talents, opportunities that God gives us, all our enduring adverse situations and human hostility, must so be managed as to give God honour and praise for his goodness” (J.I. Packer, P 185). **Take some time to read Colossians 3:15-17**

As Christians, our default response is to give back honour and glory to God for all he has done, and this is not just something we do on Sunday mornings. We honour God and respond in worship by living upstanding lives and doing the best work we can do. We also worship by giving back financially. In the Old Testament, the Israelites would give back the first 10% of their income to show that God and God’s kingdom were the first priority in their lives. We too are called to give generously and sacrificially of our finances as a way to humble ourselves and put God first. A final area we worship is in our weekly gatherings. As we gather together, we take time to sing and recognize and declare who God is and what he has done for us. While we often refer to this moment of singing as worship, in all areas of our lives where we are intentionally reflecting on God’s grace, declaring God’s Glory and putting God’s kingdom first, we are worshipping.

ADDITIONAL PASSAGES AND RESOURCES

- Hebrews 13:15-16
- Matt 5:16
- Ephesians 3:10
- Colossians 3:17
- 1 Corinthians 10:31
- Romans 12:1
- [What is worship Blog](#)
- [What is worship - Louie Giglio](#)
- [Living Worship Reading Plan](#)
- Counterfeit Gods by Tim Keller

Every Christians life
purpose must be to
glorify God

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QUESTIONS

1. What idols in your life have you worshipped in the past? Are there any idols you are worshipping now?
2. In what ways could I make glorifying God part of my everyday life? In my marriage/family? In my relationships? In my Job?
3. Have I made an intentional decision to put God first in my finances? What changes would I have to make in my life to give more?
4. Do I make it a priority to participate in corporate worship as part of a church family?

TAKE TIME TO PRAY TOGETHER