

TRUE WORSHIP

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According to the Bible, what is true worship?

SHAPING INFLUENCES:

- Shaping Influence of our own _____ and _____
- Shaping Influence of Popular _____
- Shaping Influence of _____

MALADIES OF THE 21st CENTURY EVANGELICAL CHURCH:

1. Trivializing worship by a _____ with atmospheric mood (it's about how worship makes me feel)
2. Misdirecting worship by having a _____ rather than God-centered focus (its all about me, the worshiper)
3. Deadening worship by substituting _____ for _____ (loss of the Word of God)
4. Perverting worship with emotional, _____ - _____ experiences at the expense of true liturgy.
5. Exploiting worship with _____ - _____ values
6. Depreciating worship by equating _____ and _____

"Worship is the supreme and only indispensable activity of the Christian Church. It alone will endure, like the love for God which it expresses, into heaven, when all other activities of the Church will have passed away. It must therefore, even more strictly than any of the less essential doings of the Church, come under the criticism and control of the revelation on which the Church is founded." **William Nichols**

DEFINING AND DESCRIBING TRUE WORSHIP:

Worship - _____

To honor with love and submission
Our Response to God's self-revelation
All of me responding to all of God

DIMENSIONS OF BIBLICAL WORSHIP:

- WORSHIP AS **ATTITUDE**
- WORSHIP AS **GESTURE**
- WORSHIP AS **SERVICE**

TOWARD A DEFINITION of TRUE WORSHIP:

"Worship is the submission of all of our nature to God. It is the quickening of the conscience by His holiness; the nourishment of the mind with His truth; the purifying of imagination by His beauty; the opening of the heart to His love; the surrender of will to His purpose." - **William Temple** -

"Worship of the living and true God is essentially an engagement with Him on the terms that He proposes and in the way that He alone makes possible" - **David Peterson** -

"Christian worship is the response of God's redeemed people to His self-revelation that exalts God's glory in Christ in our minds, affections, and wills, in the power of the Holy Spirit." - **Bob Kauflin** -

"True worship involves reverential human acts of submission, devotion, and obedience before the divine Sovereign, in response to his gracious revelation of himself and in accord with his will." - **Daniel Block** - (with alteration)