God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. ¹¹ Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

I Peter 4:10-12 (NLT)

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, ²⁰ for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body. I Corinthians 6:19-20 (NLT)

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. I Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)

Little children (believers, dear ones), guard yourselves from idols—[false teachings, moral compromises, and anything that would take God's place in your heart]. I John 5:21 (AMP)

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"Worship is the act of ascribing ultimate value to something in such a way that it energizes and engages every aspect of your being." (Timothy Keller)

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable.

This is truly the way to worship him.

² Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)

Worship is my _____ to God's love.

... because of all he has done for you...

Worship is _____ back to God.

... give your bodies to God...

Yet You are holy, O You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel. Psalm 22:3 (NASB)

"Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them." Isaiah 43:7 (NLT)

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Revelation 4:11 (KJV) Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD.³⁰ And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' Mark 12:37-38 (NLT)

But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.²⁴ For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth. John 4:23, 24 (NLT)

"Jesus said...It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord you God and serve Him only.' The entire message of the Gospels is related to this attitude. I think the emphasis can be condensed into a single phrase: <u>What we worship determines what we</u> <u>become</u>. If we worship material possessions, we tend to grow more materialistic. If we worship self, we become more selfish still. That is why Christ continually endeavored to direct men's worship." (Harvey F. Ammerman)

Worship sets my _____. "love the Lord your God with all your mind" My thoughts, decisions, values, and focus.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)

But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, ...But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15a,c (NIV)

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:2, 3 (NIV)

The Principle of ______.

Worship defines my _____

"love the Lord your God with all your heart" My affections, values, emotions, and feelings.

We love, because He first loved us. I John 4:19 (NASB) For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. II Corinthians 5:14-15 (NIV)

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)

"Anything that dulls our desire for God, to us it is sin." (Susanna Wesley)

Worship fuels my ______.

"love the Lord your God with all your soul" My character, aspirations, will and personality.

Send me your light and your faithful care, let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.⁴ Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God. ⁵ Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. Psalm 43:3-4 (NIV)

> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Matthew 5:6 (NIV)

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Galatians 5:24 (NLT)

Worship directs my _____

"love the Lord your God with all your strength" My words, endeavors, hobbies, work, acts.

And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. Colossians 3:17 (NLT)