

"Worship is giving God the best that He has given you. Be careful what you do with the best you have. Whenever you get a blessing from God, give it back to Him as a love gift. Take time to meditate before God and offer the blessing back to Him in a deliberate act of worship." (Oswald Chambers)

Always be joyful. ¹⁷ Never stop praying.

¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)

**anything
that competes with God.**

"And they lay their crowns before the throne..." Revelation 4:10b

"to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Revelation 5:12

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)

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

*"I need to worship because without it I can forget that I have a big God beside me and live in fear.
I need to worship because without it I can forget his calling and begin to live in a spirit of self-preoccupation.
I need to worship because without it I lose a sense of wonder and gratitude and plod through life with blinders on.
I need worship because my natural tendency is toward self-reliance and stubborn independence." (John Ortberg)*

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HOLY HABITS

**Habit #2
Worshiping
Passionately**

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...train yourself to be godly. I Timothy 4:7b

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)

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)

"Jesus said...It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your 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: What we worship determines what we become. 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)

Training myself to worship passionately requires:

_____ my attention, energies and affections on _____ God.

Day after day and night after night they keep on saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come." ⁹ Whenever the living beings give glory and honor and thanks to the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever), ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down and worship the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever). And they lay their crowns before the throne and say, ¹¹ "You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased."

Revelation 4:8-11 (NLT)

Note: Those who know God best, worship Him most.

God is _____.

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God..." Revelation 4:8

God is _____.

"...the Almighty..." ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down and worship the one sitting on the throne... Revelation 4:8b, 10

God is _____.

"...The one who always was, who is, and who is still to come."
Revelation 4:8c

God is _____.

For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased. Revelation 4:11

"Worship is the strategy by which we interrupt our preoccupation with ourselves and attend to the presence of God." (Eugene Peterson)

Training myself to worship passionately requires:

Worshiping in _____ and in _____.

"But an hour is coming, and now is when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be his worshipers. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
John 4:23-24 (NASB)

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice, they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!"

Revelation 5:11-13 (NIV)

Practice _____ and _____ worship.

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels... Revelation 5:11a

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.
Colossians 3:16 (NIV)

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25

_____ and gratefully rest in _____.

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain..." Revelation 5:12

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)