"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. ¹⁸Be 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)

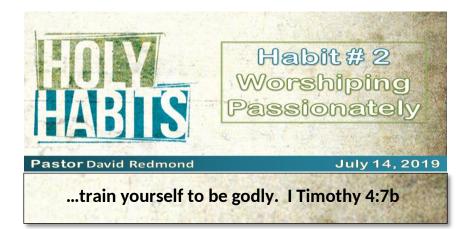
"I need to worship because without it I can forget that I have a big God beside me and live in fear.

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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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 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: 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, ho holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—the one who always was, who and who is still to come." ⁹ Whenever the living beings give glory at honor and thanks to the one sitting on the throne (the one who live forever and ever), ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down and worship to one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever). At they lay their crowns before the throne and say, ¹¹ "You are worthy, Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you create all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased." Revelation 4:8-11 (NLT)
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"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 worship the Father in spirit and truth to be his worshipers. ²⁴ God is spirit, o	s when the true worshipers wil ; for such people the Father seeks
Then I looked and heard the voice thousands upon thousands, and tere They encircled the throne and the living a loud voice, they were saying: "Worth receive power and wealth and wisder glory and praise!" ¹³ Then I heard elearth and under the earth and on the saying: "To him who sits on the throne honor and glory and power for ever a Revelation 5:1	n thousand times ten thousand ing creatures and the elders. ¹² In thy is the Lamb, who was slain, to om and strength and honor and every creature in heaven and on the sea, and all that is in them and to the Lamb be praise and nd ever!"
Practice and and Then I looked and heard the voice of	worship. f many angelsRevelation 5:11a
Let the message of Christ dwell amo admonish one another with all wisd songs from the Spirit, singing to Go Colossians 3:	om through psalms, hymns, and d with gratitude in your hearts.
And let us consider how we may spur good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meetin habit of doing, but encouraging one of see the Day approaching	ng together, as some are in the another—and all the more as you
and grateful	ly 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)