Theme : Delight the Father as a True Worshipper

John 4:23-24

23But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

- I. As a true worshipper, we make five spiritual offerings in our bodily-natural realm:
 - 1. The offering of ourselves.
 - 2. The offering of our <u>time</u>.
 - 3. The offering of our <u>substance money</u> in tithes offerings alms.

- I. As a true worshipper, we make five spiritual offerings in our <u>bodily-natural</u> realm:
 - 4. The offering of our good works.
 - The offering of our fruit of sharing the <u>full Gospel</u> of God.

- II. As a true worshipper, we make three spiritual offerings in our soul realm:
 - 1. The offering of thanksgiving.
 - 2. The offering of joy.
 - 3. The offering of praise.

III. As a true worshipper, we make one primary offering in our <u>spirit</u> realm: The offering or the sacrifice of a <u>broken</u> and a <u>contrite heart</u>.





I. <u>Know</u> that God looks forward to our connecting with Him all the time.

Get off the "Performance Treadmill" mindset.

- Our prayers and reading of the bible <u>cannot</u> earn the grace, favour or the Presence of God.
- We pray and read the Word for the purpose of strengthening our relationship with God.



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John 3:16

For <u>God so loved</u> the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever <u>believes</u> in Him should not perish but have <u>everlasting life</u>. Life of God - Partake in Divine nature

Romans 8:14

For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, these are **sons of God**.



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Hebrews 2:10

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in **bringing many sons to glory**, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Romans 3:23



II. Intentionally connect with God always. Connect with God means to:

Converse with God				Worship Him		Acknowledge Him Etc		
Inform Him			Surrender		Chat	Give Him Glory		Pray
Discuss with Him			Commit the matter to Him		Thank Him		Seek His Guidance	Talk to Him
	Sing a new song to Him		Praise Him	Cons Hin		Sing spiritue songs to Go		



- III. Connect with God always is to be <u>Godly</u>.To be Godly means to:
 - 1. <u>consider</u> God in all our decisions, activities, events, situations, meetings, concerns, etc.
 - 2. <u>factor</u> God in always.
 - **3.** put God at the very <u>center</u> of all that we are and all that we do.
 - **4.** This is making Christ the **Lord** of our lives!



- 1. God does <u>not</u> get bored with our routine prayers and our conversations with Him.
 - $\checkmark\,$ He is God and knows all things.



2. <u>Deal</u> with all guilt feelings and accusations from the evil one.

2 Corinthians 10:5

casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ**



Question:

Where does **GUILT** and **CONDEMNATION** come from?

Two Primary Areas



Two Primary Areas:

i. The 24-7-365 <u>accusation</u> of the evil one.

Revelation 12:10

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the **accuser of our brethren**, who **accused them** before our God <u>day and night</u>, has been cast down.



Two Primary Areas:

 ii. The <u>consciousness</u> of our own <u>sins</u>, <u>mistakes</u>, <u>shortcomings</u>, <u>foibles</u>, <u>blind spots</u>, <u>weaknesses</u>, <u>infirmities</u>, <u>fallen-ness</u>.



For All People:

Romans 2:15 ... the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their <u>consciences</u> also bearing witness, their <u>thoughts</u> now <u>accusing</u>, now even <u>defending</u> them.

For Believers:

Romans 9:1 - I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my <u>conscience</u> also bearing me <u>witness</u> in the <u>Holy Spirit</u>.



3. <u>Know</u> and <u>declare</u> aloud that you, as a CHILD of God, are the Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus



Hebrews 10:19-22

¹⁹Therefore, brethren, having **boldness** to enter the Holiest

by the **blood of Jesus**, ²⁰by a **new and living way**

which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹and having a High Priest over the house of God, ²²let us

draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,

having our hearts sprinkled from an evil

<u>conscience</u> and our bodies washed with pure water.



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how much more shall the **blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, **cleanse your conscience** from dead works to serve the living God?



4. <u>Reject</u> all condemnation and lies from the evil one on YOU as a CHILD of God.

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now **no condemnation** to **those** who are **in Christ Jesus**, who do not **walk** according to the flesh, but **according to the Spirit**.



- 5. <u>Deal</u> with your conscience as it relates to your roles and responsibilities where you know you have <u>failed</u>.
 - A. <u>Repent</u> of your wrongs 1 John 1:9
 - **B.** <u>**Resolve**</u> the issues.
 - c. <u>Recover</u> and move on.

Psalm 36:9 - in Your light we see light.



5. <u>Deal</u> with your conscience as it relates to your roles and responsibilities where you know you have <u>failed</u>.

1 Timothy 1:19

having **faith** and a **good conscience**, which some having

rejected, concerning the faith have suffered **shipwreck** ...

Romans 5:17b



V. Relationship takes <u>time</u> to build. Therefore, we must be intentional and establish a <u>discipline</u> towards it.



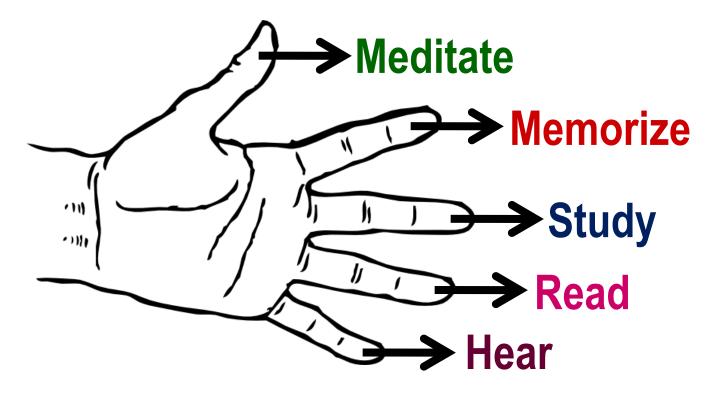


VI. Pray the **Word** of God.

- 1. This is the most <u>effective</u> prayer.
- 2. To pray the Word we need to <u>know</u> the Word.
- 3. To know the Word we must **<u>partake</u>** the Word.



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1. **S** = <u>S</u>tress

Philippians 4:13 I <u>can do</u> all things <u>through Christ</u> who strengthens me.

Nehemiah 8:10

... for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Psalm 16:11

You will show me the path of life; **in Your presence is fullness of joy**; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



1. **S** = <u>S</u>tress

Psalm 100:4-5

⁴Enter into His gates with **thanksgiving**, and into His courts with **praise**. **Be thankful** to Him, and **bless [praise] His name**. ⁵For **the LORD is good**; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.



2. A = Anxieties

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷and the **peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will **guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus**.



2. A = Anxieties

Colossians 3:15

And let the **peace of Christ rule in your hearts**, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the **Lord of peace** Himself give you **peace always in every way**. The Lord be with you all.



3. F = Fears

1 John 4:18

There is **no fear in love**; but **perfect love casts out fear**, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

2 Timothy 1:7 For **God has not given us a spirit of fear**, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.



VIII. Regularly establish your altar of <u>thanksgiving</u>, <u>praise</u> and <u>worship</u>.

 The bottom-line of thanksgiving is <u>Gratefulness</u>. Gratefulness is the beginning of the <u>wisdom</u>.

Romans 1:21

because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, **nor were <u>thankful</u>**, but <u>became futile in their thoughts</u>, and their **foolish hearts were <u>darkened</u>**.



VIII. Regularly establish your altar of <u>thanksgiving</u>, <u>praise</u> and <u>worship</u>.

 The bottom-line of praise is to know <u>God</u>, His <u>character</u> and His <u>attributes</u>.

Hebrews 13:15 (NIV)

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of **praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name**.



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3. The bottom-line of worship is <u>surrender</u>.

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your **reasonable service** [spiritual worship].



- **IX.** Go with the **flow** and **leading** of the Holy Spirit in your life and circumstances.
- Galatians 5:16, 18, 25 (NIV)
- ¹⁶ ... **live/walk** by the Spirit ...
- ¹⁸ ... **led by** the Spirit ...
- ²⁵ ... keep in step with the Spirit.



IX. Go with the **flow** and **leading** of the Holy Spirit in your life and circumstances.

John 10:27

My sheep hears **My voice** and follows Me ...

John 10:4

And when He brings out His own sheep, He goes before them; and the sheep follow Him, for they know **<u>His voice</u>**.





- **IX.** Go with the **flow** and **leading** of the Holy Spirit in your life and circumstances.
 - - Decision-making and Guidance
 - Led by the Holy Spirit
 - Knowing the Will of God

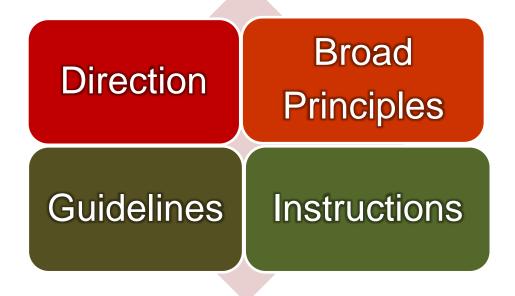




- **IX.** Go with the **flow** and **leading** of the Holy Spirit in your life and circumstances.
 - 1. From the <u>Word</u>
 - 2. From the Holy Spirit of Wisdom



1. From the <u>Word</u>





2 Corinthians 6:14

Romans 12:17-21



Decision-making and Guidance

From the <u>Holy Spirit of Wisdom</u>
The <u>details</u> of the guidance.

The **inward witness** [Romans 8:16] of the **Spirit of Wisdom** dwelling in the believer guides us in the following **4 ways**.



A. The Holy Spirit directs us to **people** in our lives.

An Expert in that area			A Coach		A Mentor		
A Counselor	A	A Consultant			Ν	Nutritionist	
A Professional		Spiritual Leader Teacher			eacher		
Your Parent / Guardian			Property Agent				
Insurance Brok	Pas	tor Other Referr		eferrals			



B. The Holy Spirit directs us to **resources**.

Ser	Seminars		Experts	Propositions		
Artic	cles	Ma	agazines	Website	es	
Idea		Conferences		Suggestions		
	Boo	oks	Audio	Sermons		



c. The Holy Spirit directs us in specific **<u>situations</u>** and **<u>circumstances</u>**.

Discernment -	S	Sense - Gut Feel	Divine	
Perception		- Intuition	Appointments	
Capture that idea and truth	Pr	oposals / Suggesti made by someone		Divine Download
A business deal		Divine	An offer made	
- transaction		Connections	to us	



Hebrews 8:10

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put <u>My laws in their mind</u> and <u>write them on their hearts</u>; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.



Hebrews 10:16

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2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a **<u>spirit of</u>** fear, but of power and of love and of a **<u>sound / disciplined mind</u>**.

Knowledge - Understanding - Wisdom

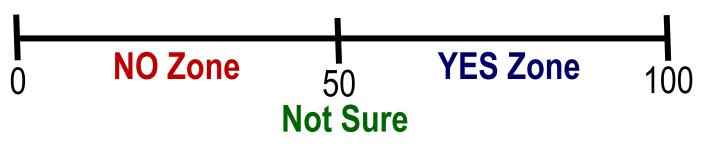


He will guide us to:

- i. <u>know</u> the facts [knowledge];
- ii. <u>analyze</u> <u>weigh</u> <u>evaluate</u> the facts [understanding];
- iii. <u>work</u> in us to be inclined towards the direction [wisdom].



Decision-Making Process



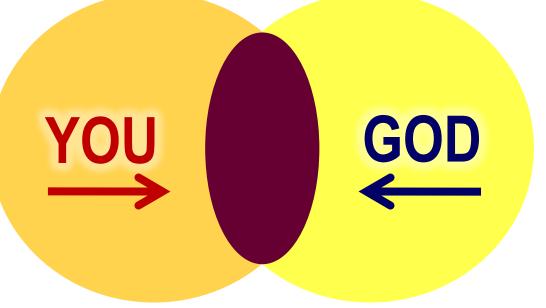
Do **Proverbs 3:5-6** always and then make that decision!

Make that "inclined" decision by faith!

Romans 14:23 ... for whatever is not from faith is sin.



- <u>God</u> desires to always guide and lead you.
- You must always desire to be guided by God.



 The area of overlap is the "<u>Hallelujah</u>" sector where <u>God's Will is your will</u>.

Bottom-Line

Delight yourself also in the LORD,

and He shall give you the desires of your heart. - Psalm 37:4 -- b29JW 31:4 -