

## #2 "REAL WORSHIP"

**John 4:23-24 (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. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

### 1. True worship involves your \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 15:8-9 (NLT)** These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship is a farce...

GOD WANTS TO CONNECT WITH OUR HEART BECAUSE:

- It is the most intimate and personal part of us.

**1 Corinthians 2:11 (TEV)** It is only a person's own spirit within him that knows all about him...

- It reflects our passions and priorities.

**Luke 12:34 (NIV)** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- It is the control center of our lives.

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

- If God has our heart, He has us.

**Matthew 26:42 (NIV)** He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

### 2. True worship requires an \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

AN OPEN HEART TO GOD IS:

- Honest.
- Vulnerable.
- Trusting.
- Welcoming to God's presence and probing.

**Psalms 139:23-24 (NLT)** Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

**3. True worship requires a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ heart.**

**James 4:6 (NIV)** But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

**Isaiah 57:15 (NIV)** For this is what the high and exalted One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."

**Luke 18:17 (NIV)** Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

**4. True worship requires a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.**

**1 Samuel 15:3 (NLT)** Now go and completely destroy the entire Amalekite nation—men, women, children, babies, cattle, sheep, goats, camels, and donkeys.

**1 Samuel 15:9 (NLT)** Saul and his men spared Agag's life and kept the best of the sheep and goats, the cattle, the fat calves, and the lambs—everything, in fact, that appealed to them. They destroyed only what was worthless or of poor quality.

**1 Samuel 15:19-21 (NLT)** "Why haven't you obeyed the LORD? Why did you rush for the plunder and do what was evil in the LORD's sight?" "But I did obey the LORD," Saul insisted. "I carried out the mission he gave me. I brought back King Agag, but I destroyed everyone else. Then my troops brought in the best of the sheep, goats, cattle, and plunder to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal."

**1 Samuel 15:22-23 (NLT)** But Samuel replied, "What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams. Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshiping idols. So because you have rejected the command of the LORD, he has rejected you as king."

**5. True worship requires a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ heart.**

**1 John 1:9 (NLT)** But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

**Matthew 6:12 (NLT)** And forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

**Matthew 5:23-24 (MSG)** This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these matters. If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God.