



# WORSHIP

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# WHAT IS CHRISTIAN WORSHIP?



# SECULAR DEFINITION OF WORSHIP

- **Definition of worship** for English Language Learners.

: to honor or respect (someone or something) as a god.

: to show respect and love for God or for a god especially by praying, having religious services, etc.

: to love or honor (someone or something) very much or too much.

Miriam Webster

## MODERN WORSHIP?

In ancient times cats were worshipped as gods; they have not forgotten this.

Terry Pratchett



## DISCUSSION 1 (5 MINS)

Name 3 things or people apart from God that you  
“love or honor very much or too much”?

# ADULATION

A modern day style of  
worship



## THE SUPER FAN

Giles Pellerin (1906 – 1998)

The greatest ever fan of the University of Southern California Trojans (USC)

Attended 797 consecutive American College Football games before his death



# A JESUS SUPERFAN!

- The Jesus SuperFan:
  - Knows as much as they can about Jesus
  - Doesn't hide their love for Him
  - 'Wears His clothes' – puts on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, ...  
... and LOVE!
  - Follows His example in their lives
  - Actively works to see others become fans too!



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<sup>14</sup> But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

<sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

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## DISCUSSION 2 (5 MINS)

- Are you a 'superfan' of anything, or do you know someone who is?
- How could you become a (more) effective Jesus superfan?

# WORSHIP – AS A LIFESTYLE

- We are new people in Christ
  - We have a lot to be grateful for!
- Expressing worship through our lives actively changes us – and affects other people
- It is not automatic – but conscious decisions every day
- Here are some examples...

## PROVERBS 3:5-6 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
And lean not on your own understanding;

<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He shall direct<sup>[a]</sup> your paths.

**Worship:** Trust God in every situation... despite what your mind and the world says!

## PROVERBS 3:7-8 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

<sup>8</sup> It will be health to your flesh,<sup>[b]</sup>  
And strength<sup>[c]</sup> to your bones.

**Worship:** Yes you know what to do, but check with God first anyway.  
Avoid things God hates

## PROVERBS 3:9-10 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> Honor the LORD with your possessions,  
And with the firstfruits of all your increase;  
<sup>10</sup> So your barns will be filled with plenty,  
And your vats will overflow with new wine.

**Worship:** See your earthly stuff and money as God's  
Love Him by sharing (wisely) with others

## PROVERBS 3:9-12 (NKJV)

**11** My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD,  
Nor detest His correction;

**12** For whom the LORD loves He corrects,  
Just as a father the son *in whom* he delights.

**Worship:** Be humble to admit you are wrong sometimes  
Repent and return to His way