



THE PRIORITY OF

Worship

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21 Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. 22 Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. 23 And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.

Rom 1:21-23 NLT

24 So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. 25 They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen.

Rom 1:24-25 NLT

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.
9 And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” 10 Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

““You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.””

Mat 4:8-10 ESV

3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again[a] he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

John 3:3 & 5 ESV

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

Luke: 4:18 ESV

8 And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

Rev 4:8 ESV

9 And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

Rev 4:9-10 ESV

11 “Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”

Rev 4:11 ESV

**“The essence of idolatry
is the entertainment of thoughts
about God that are unworthy of Him”**

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God's purpose in creating Adam and Eve is summed up in what they could do for God that nothing else in the whole creation could do. They had an exclusive on God shared by no other of God's creation. Unlike everything else in this mystic and marvelous world of God's creation, Adam and Eve could worship God, and God anticipated that worship.

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Group 1 (everyday stuff)

1. Wife/husband
2. My cell phone/tablet
3. Sleep
4. Rest
5. Family
6. Exercise
7. Work
8. Hobbies
9. Holiday
10. Money

Group 2 (things related to church, being a Christian)

1. Small Group
2. Attending church
3. Evangelism
4. Study the Word
5. Prayer
6. Tithing
7. Serving in a church ministry
8. Worship
9. Fellowship with Christians / hospitality
10. Discipleship

Group 3:

1. Wife/husband
2. My cell phone / tablet
3. Discipleship
4. Mens Camp or Awaken
5. Worship
6. Exercise
7. Work
8. Hobbies
9. Holiday
10. Money
11. Small Group
12. Attending church

Group 3 continued:

13. Evangelism

14. Reading Christian books

15. Rest

16. Tithing

17. Serving in a
church ministry

18. Family

19. Fellowship with
Christians /hospitality

20. Sleep

Keep in Step with the Spirit

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

Gal 5:16-17 ESV