

The Worship Lifestyle - John 4:24

Most of us are not where we want to be when it comes to a spiritual destination, where every part of our life, our week or even our day glorify God but we should be able to say that we are on that road, that we have a desire to be there. What exactly is worship? John 4:24 says God is Spirit and His worshippers MUST worship Him in Spirit and in truth. Worship in this text means to get near enough to adore, ie. kiss. It is a very intimate term. Have you every thought of worship in that way? How then might our lives and lifestyles become a kiss of adoration to God? How do you kiss a Spirit? Our spirits must be awakened to the Spirit of God first. Then our lives need to be open to truthfulness, to confess our sin, our lack without Jesus. Worship in truth. Everyday we need to wake up and clear the slate. If we really want to experience the love of God we need to keep short accounts and we need to allow God to keep short accounts with us. We don't want a long list of rebellious acts and sins between God and us. We need a capability to worship. We need to be born again, have a relationship with Jesus. Only with the Spirit of Christ dwelling in us can we worship in Spirit. From there we need to worship from a place of truth, of righteousness because we have allowed the blood of Christ to cover us. If we are not first a Christ follower we really can't worship Him. A life of worship begins at salvation. Eph. 2:1-6 God wants to know us, be known by us and then have us give Him a kiss of worship. So, first we have to have the **Aptitude**- we have to be a Christ follower, we have to have our spirit woken up, and then we have to worship from a place of truth where we receive a daily regeneration from the holy Spirit. Then we need to worship with the right **Attitude**. Our ability to worship does not depend on the worship leader or the songs chosen. God will not beg us to worship Him. Worship comes from the heart, and if we have an attitude or desire to worship we should be able to worship wherever we are. We are responsible for our own attitude. Ps. 5:7 it's amazing that God would want adoration from a people who have robbed Him, despised Him, and rebelled against Him. When our attitude says, "Because of His mercy, I get to worship Him", it changes everything. We need to come in reverence. It doesn't allow us to be too casual with our worship. The fear of God is healthy respect for His authority in our lives. Eccles. 5:1 God is aware of all the cookie crumbs on our face. He knows everything we have done and every place we are trying to fool Him. We need to approach worship with a desire to hear what He has to say to us. We need to cultivate a listening heart and that means we need to be quiet. Silence and solitude are part of the attitude of a lifestyle of worship. Isaiah. 2:3 We need an attitude of enthusiasm, to be open to inviting others to come with us. If we worship God, as He desires, it will be attractive to others, it will draw them to Him. True worship expresses itself with emotion. Intimacy requires emotion. Without emotion and passion there is no life. We accept emotional displays at sports events, why not at a worship service? Ps. 26:28 we want to be where He is when we are lifestyle worshippers. Ps. 27:4 If we have the aptitude to worship and we're developing the attitude, what should our **Approach** be? Ps. 9:11; Ps. 100:4 start your day with audible praise. Eph. 5:9 When we worship in truth (righteousness) God loves the sound of your praise whether you can sing or not. Ps.33:2 worship with whatever will bring you into His

presence. When we are individual daily worshippers, our corporate worship will be phenomenal. We speak of the attributes of the One we love when we are personal worshippers. Ps. 35:28; Ps. 51:15 we have to get it out of our head or heart and into our mouths and that starts in the morning, in the shower, in the car and then you bring that to church. Phil. 1:27. when we become lifestyle worshippers we gain God's **Approval**. We cannot improve our standing with God when we are saved, we can never be more of a son or daughter than we are after salvation, but there is a way to bring a smile to His face, Heb. 13:16 God is incredibly proud of the works He created us to do when we do them. And when we worship Him in spirit and truth, it's like He says, "Come, get close and let Me get a kiss." Aren't you glad God cares that much about us?