

# Purpose Driven Life 2

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Last week we discovered:

- I exist to be loved by God.
- I am significant because I was made to last forever.
- The purpose of my life is found in God.

### #1 – WORSHIP: You Were Planned for God's Pleasure

**Revelation 4:11** – “You [God] created all things, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created.”

You were created to be loved by God, but there is a flip side to that; God wants you to love Him back.

You were created to be loved by God, and loving God back is called WORSHIP.

Worship is KNOWING and LOVING God.

Most people think of worship as singing, going to church, rituals, and communion or sacraments. Those are expressions of worship, but worship is far more than those things.

Worship isn't the style you like, but the heart you bring.

Worship is your number one priority and purpose in life.

Worship is built into the DNA of man. We are wired to worship. Every culture finds something to worship and in the absence of God, man will worship himself. (*This is the trend of our culture.*)

**Romans 12:1** – “Because of God's great mercy . . . Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer.”

Worship is my RESPONSE to God's love.

Since God has everything, you give him the only thing he doesn't have . . . You give him your love.

Worship is OFFERING OURSELVES back to God in response to his extravagant love.

**Mark 12:30** – “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

### **3 Important Lessons about Worship**

Worship is EXPRESSING MY AFFECTION to God.

This is what it means to love God with ALL YOUR HEART.

God wants you to love him passionately.

The most important thing you can know in life is that God loves you. The most important thing you can do in life is love God back.

**Matthew 6:33-34** – “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Worship it putting God FIRST in everyday life.

**Exodus 34:14b** – “He is a God who is passionate about his relationship with you.”

**Hosea 6:6** – “I don’t want your sacrifices—I want your love; I don’t want your offerings—I want you to know me.”

God doesn’t want a religion or religious experience with you; he wants a father and child relationship.

When they asked Jesus to “Teach us to Pray,” he started with “Our Father.”

**Example:** Listen to yourself pray and you will discover your level of intimacy with God.

The greatest way to love or worship God is by giving your life to him.

**Example:** How do you express your love to your children? You give them everything you are, everything you have and ever will be, to enable them to flourish.

This kind of love is called “worship” and it is the first purpose of your life.

**Romans 6:13b** – “Give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life.”

Most people conclude that they can’t fulfill this first purpose of worship because they simply don’t love God enough.

Your problem isn’t that you don’t love God enough; it is that you have not discovered how much God loved you FIRST.

**I John 4:19** – “We love him, because he first loved us.”

Worship is a LOVE RESPONSE, not a RELIGIOUS RESPONSE to God’s love for us.

**I John 4:10** – “This is real love. It is not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.”

Worship is FOCUSING MY ATTENTION on God.

This is what it means to love God with ALL MY MIND.

God doesn’t expect you to check your mind at the door when serving Him.

He does admonish us not to “lean to our own understanding and in ALL OUR WAYS acknowledge him.”

God wants your focus, because He is focused on you.

God doesn’t just want you to love him passionately, but to love him THOUGHTFULLY.

We are called to submit our minds to God.

**Colossians 3:2** – “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”

## **2 Practical Ways to “Worship” with Your Mind**

Take time each day to read God’s Word and pray.

**Matthew 6:6** – “Find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.”

You can do this anywhere you can give your focus to God.

This doesn’t require any special ceremony; just be there “simply and honestly.”

Submit your thought life to the authority of His Word.

**II 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.”

Worship is USING MY ABILITIES for God.

- This is loving God with ALL YOUR STRENGTH.  
You love God passionately with your heart.

You love God thoughtfully with your mind.

You love God practically with your strength.

It is one thing to love God with your words, but God wants us to show our love for Him with our actions.

God wants the FIRST and the BEST of our lives.

**Colossians 3:23** – “Whatever you do, work at it with all you heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.”

Whatever you do WITH ALL YOUR HEART, for God and not people, is WORSHIP!

You can worship in your marriage, parenting, job, money, and relationships.

Don't compartmentalize your spiritual life to church and church-related activities

If you cannot bring your “Church Face” into your “Work,” “Social,” and “Home” life, then you have ceased living a “Lifestyle of Worship.”

Worship is when you experience and invite God into your everyday life.

Real purpose-driven living doesn't happen in church, it happens in the everyday, mundane parts of our lives.

**Real worship is not an event, it is a LIFESTYLE.**

When you do everything for Him, then everything you do becomes worship and you fulfill the First Purpose of your life.

The greatest mistake you can make in life is to miss your First and Primary Purpose: To get to know and love God.

**Romans 12:1** – “Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking around life—and place it before God as an offering.”

“Offering” YOU is the highest form of worship.