

LIFE NOTES

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Vertical Church: The Priority of Worship "The Why of Worship"

Psalms 26:8 "I love your sanctuary, Lord, the place where your glorious presence dwells." (NLT)

Psalms 27:4 "The one thing I ask of the Lord—the thing I seek the most—is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, delighting in the Lord's perfections and meditating in His Temple." (NLT)

Psalms 42:1-2 ¹"As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. ²I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go stand before Him?" (NLT)

The Why of Worship = _____

Colossians 3:16 "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with **gratitude** in your hearts." (NIV)

HOW TO WORSHIP GOD WITH GRATITUDE

1. Give thanks _____ everything.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ¹⁶"Always be joyful. ¹⁷Never stop praying. ¹⁸Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." (NLT)

a. In times of _____.

1 John 2:16-17 ¹⁶"For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. ¹⁷And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever." (NLT)

b. In times of _____.

Hebrews 12:11 "No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful. But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way." (NLT)

2. Give thanks _____ everything.

Ephesians 5:20 "And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (NLT)

a. For my _____.

Ephesians 1:3 "All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ." (NLT)

b. For my _____.

1 Peter 4:16 "... it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by His name!" (NLT)

3. Give thanks _____ everything.

Colossians 3:17 "... whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." (NLT)

a. With my _____.

Ephesians 5:15-17 ¹⁵"... be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do." (NLT)

b. With my _____.

1 Peter 4:10-11 ¹⁰"God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. ¹¹Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God Himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all strength and energy that God supplies. Then everyone you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ ..." (NLT)

c. With my _____.

Proverbs 3:9-10 ⁹"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. ¹⁰Then He will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine." (NLT)

BOTTOM LINE

Hebrews 12:28 "Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, **let us be thankful** and **please God by worshipping Him** with holy fear and awe." (NLT)

Happy Thanksgiving!