

A BETTER LIFE, PART 2

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Luke 4:16

How to Have a Better Worship Life

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You can fool yourself, but not God.

to read the Scriptures.

"The time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way."

John 4:23

"Away with your noisy hymns of praise! I will not listen to the music of your harps. Instead, I want to see a mighty flood of justice, an endless river of righteous living."

Amos 5:23–24

"When you come to worship me, who asked you to parade through my courts with all your ceremony? Stop bringing me your meaningless gifts; the incense of your offerings disgusts me!" Isaiah 1:12–13

Throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

Ephesians 4:22–24

HOW WORSHIPING GOD MAKES YOUR LIFE BETTER

| 1. | God gives you |
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| | God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation. Genesis 2:3 |
| | He has planted eternity in the human heart. Ecclesiastes 3:11 |
| 2. | You are |
| | Moses and Aaron went and spoke to Pharaoh. They told him, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Let my people go so they may hold a festival in my honor in the wilderness." Exodus 5:1 |

Then Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath."

Mark 2:27

"In addition to the Sabbath, these are the LORD's appointed festivals, the official days for holy assembly that are to be celebrated at their proper times each year."

Leviticus 23:4

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What sorrow awaits you who say to wooden idols, 'Wake up and save us!' To speechless stone images you say, 'Rise up and teach us!' Can an idol tell you what to do? They may be overlaid with gold and silver, but they are lifeless inside.

Habakkuk 2:19

For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again. 1 Cor. 11:26

4. You are ______.

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. Col. 3:16

Be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.

Ephesians 5:18–19

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24–25

5. Your _____ grow deeper.

Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! 1 Cor. 13:8

I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me more than I want burnt offerings. Hosea 6:6

And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. 1 Peter 2:5

6. God ______ over you.

In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!

Luke 15:7

For the LORD your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.

Zephaniah 3:17