

A Worship Minute....

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Teaching our children to be worshipers

Worship simply means to “ascribe worth unto” – *whatever it is that you value most highly*. Jesus says that he is searching for those who “Worship in Spirit and in Truth.” (John 4:19-24). This simply means that we worship God from the deepest part of who we are and we are honest and sincere in our worship (this is a great way to define worship for our children).

I’ve heard this quote attributed to Louie Giglio regarding worship: “Worship is our response, both personal and corporate, to God for who He is, and what He has done; expressed in and by the things we say and the way we live.” There are a lot of ways to respond to God. Some ways include singing, but other ways include obeying, loving others more than yourself, and looking after the widows and the orphans (those who cannot look after themselves).

Why should we be worshipers of God?

Books have been written on this subject, so I cannot give exhaustive answers in these few paragraphs, but here are a few reasons that are great for your children and you.

Psalms 115 4-8 says we become like the god we worship. If we worship money, work, celebrities or anything along that path, we will begin to look like that. Our values will be shaped around what we worship and our attitudes will reflect it. However, if we worship Jesus, we will begin to reflect His character, love and compassion to our families and those around us.

As we worship, so will our children. The Old Testament is filled with examples of children following in the footsteps of their parents. If you read through 1 & 2 Kings alone you will read story after story of an example being set by a father and an example being followed by a child.