

FOR GOD'S PLEASURE

"You (God) created <u>everything</u>, and it is <u>for your pleasure</u> that they exist and were created." Rev. 4:11b (NLT)

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." Mark 12:30 (NIV)

My first purpose in life is to

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship." Rom. 12:1

Worship is my ______ to God's love and power.

God wants me to love Him...

•	"with my mind"
•	"with my heart and soul
•	"with my strength"

1. Worship is _____ on God

"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." - Matt. 15:8 (NIV)

"My <u>eyes are fixed on you</u>, O Sovereign LORD; in you I take refuge." Ps. 141:8 (NIV)

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus..." - Hebrews 12:2a (NIV)

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." - Matthew 6:6 (NIV)

"Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always." Psalm 105:4 (NIV)

"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, whose thoughts are fixed on You!" Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)

2. Worship is to God

"We love Him, because He first loved us." - 1 John 4:19 (KJV)

"I don't want your sacrifices -- I want your <u>love!</u> I don't want your offerings --I want you to <u>know</u> Me!" - Hosea 6:6 (LB)

"He is a God who is <u>passionate</u> about His relationship with you." Ex. 34:14b (NLT)

3. Worship is

for God

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

"Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-towork, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering." Rom. 12:1a (TM)

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matt. 6:33 (NIV)

When I worship, I can receive...

A sense of

"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care." - Ps. 95:6,7 (NIV)

A sense of

"You will keep in perfect <u>peace</u> him whose mind is stayed on you." Isa. 26:3 (NIV)

A sense of

"... You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." - Ps. 16:11 (NIV)