

Pastor's Sharing – The worship pleasant and acceptable to God

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Jesus once said that the greatest commandment was “..... love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength”. Every Sunday we go to church to worship God because of our love to God. Therefore we should ask ourselves, “Do we worship our God ‘with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength’?”



1. With all your heart

This means that we have to set the priority. Believers should decide that they should come to the God to worship Him. Jesus said that “for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”. What is treasure? To some people, treasure is job, money, interpersonal relationship, children, wife, or entertainment etc. We believers should accord the highest priority in our life to God so that we should not be absent at worships for whatever reasons. We should not miss worship gatherings for reasons such as making money, sending kids for tuition classes or any other excuses. In worships, do we really want to please our God, or ourselves?

2. With all your soul

The English translation of “性” is “soul”. This means that we should worship God with our emotion and feeling. Whether the human interactions are wonderful depends much on the emotion and feeling the people involved have. If we worship God without any emotion and feeling, then our worships will be dull and not pleasing God. Only when we worship our God with our faithful heart would there be true worships. Therefore we should fill with emotion and feeling when singing songs, praying and listening to sermon in worship.

3. With all your mind

“Mind” refers to our thinking. We should use our thinking in worship. Before we worship God, we should adjust our mind. For example, we should pray to our Lord for cleansing our dirty thoughts in our mind in the week, before we attend the worship on Saturday or Sunday. In fact, being a priest and a worshipper, believers should have a spiritual quiet time everyday to come close to God, so that He can cleanse our hearts with His words.

4. With all your strength

“With all your strength” does not mean that we should sing songs loudly with a booming voice, but that we should serve with all our strength. When we go to the church, we

should serve our church, our brothers and sisters instead of sitting there to enjoy what have been prepared by others. If you do arrive at the church a little bit earlier, you may see that some brothers and sisters are working hard in different positions, such as worship team practice, venue setting, sound setting, preparing teas and snacks, preparing for the children Sunday school, and the in-progress elderly bible study.

True worship must come with actions. The whole daily living of a believer can be regarded as worship. Apostle Paul reminds us in Roman 12:1 “to offer our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasant to God – this is your spiritual act of worship (or service)”. Service and worship are the same word in the Bible. Service is worship and vice versa. Therefore, serving our God diligently with our strength is the worship that is pleasant and acceptable to God.

Brothers and sisters, I hope that we will love our God, serve our God and worship our God with all our heart with all our soul with all our mind and with all our strength. If we do so, God must favour our worship.