

Planned For God's Pleasure
Series: #CreatedWithPurpose

Selected Scriptures

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I. Introduction

You (God) created everything, and it is for Your pleasure that they exist and were created.
Revelation 4:11b (NLT)

Love the Lord your God... this is the first and greatest commandment. **Matthew 22:37-38 (NIV)**

My First Purpose Is To Worship God

Because of God's great mercy to us...offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to His service and pleasing to Him. This is the true worship that you should offer. **Romans 12:1 (TEV)**

1. Worship Is My Response To God's Love
2. Worship Is Giving Back To God

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul, and all your mind, and all your strength. **Mark 12:30 (NCV)**

God Wants Me To Love Him...

- Thoughtfully - "with my mind"
- Passionately - "with my heart and soul"
- Practically - "with my strength"

II. Worship Is Focusing My Attention On God

You have looked deep into my heart, Lord, and you know all about me. You know when I am resting or when I am working... You notice everything I do and everywhere I go. **Psalms 139:1-3 (CEV)**

Focusing on yourself is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, and ends up thinking more about self than God. **Romans 8:7 (Msg)**

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. **Romans 12:2a (Msg)**

*Find a quiet, secluded place s you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply as honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense His grace. **Matthew 6:6 (Msg)***

*Worship Him continually. **Psalms 105:4 (TEV)***

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

III. Worship Is Expressing my Affection To God

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

*I don't want your sacrifices — I want your love. I don't want your offerings — I want you to know Me! **Hosea 6:6 (LB)***

*He is a God who is passionate about His relationship with you. **Exodus 34:14b (NLT)***

*Give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life. **Romans 6:13 (NLT)***

IV. Worship Is Using My Abilities For God

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people. **Colossians 3:23 (TEV)***

*Take your everyday, ordinary life — your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life — and place it before God as an offering. **Romans 12:1 (Msg)***

*So we make it our goal to please Him. **2 Corinthians 5:9 (NIV)***