

Praising God

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Notes:

WHAT is praise and what does it look like?

Definition of praise: To _____ God, especially by the attribution of perfections.

1. Something these examples have in common is an **outward working of the _____ expressing _____** in the Lord.
2. The joy we experience which turns to praise should have only one goal:
To _____ God

Hebrews 13:15 says God wants us to praise Him _____.

Do you continually have the praise of the Most High God flowing out of you to bring Him glory?

WHY praising God is so important

1. Because we were made by God to _____ Him, _____ Him, and delight in Him.
2. How do you bring glory to an all-sufficient, perfect, infinitely wise, infinitely powerful God? You simply _____ Him.
3. The amazing thing is that when God created us for His glory, he also created us for our own _____!

The God we serve is the kind of God who is MOST glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.

DIFFICULTIES to living a life characterized by praise

Anything that takes your eyes off His _____ and _____ to be praised.

-anything that distracts or deters us from our purpose

1. Worrying about what others might think of you.
2. Misplaced priorities
3. Media
4. Our own sin
5. Being uncomfortable

Philippians 4:8 “Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is **anything worthy of praise**, think about these things.”

How do we cultivate this heart of praise?

1. Meditating on His character

Psalm 77:12 says “I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.”

His Unstoppable Grace
Perfect Truth found in the Word
His Absolute Sovereignty over all things
Omnipotent – God's power is unlimited
Omniscient – all knowing
He is a Just and Righteous Judge
He is Kind and He IS Love
God is Forgiveness

2. Memorizing Scripture

Psalm 119:11 says “I have stored up your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

This discipline helps us to call on His perfect _____ in times when our flesh would normally respond in its sinful way.

3. Ask the Lord to change your heart and Trust that He will do it

Galatians 5:16 says “But I say, walk *by the Spirit*, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”

It's through the Spirit that we will be able to see past our flesh and have eyes to see what would please the Lord.

The only way we'll succeed in praising God is _____ Jesus and through God's _____.