

Worship
Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth
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John 4:24 KJV God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Here in America we tend to worship athletes, celebrities and things. Some of us will spend hundreds, even thousands of dollars a year to get "season tickets" for a football game or other sporting event. Others will spend hundreds going to the movies. Still others will spend any amount they have on lottery tickets, cars, "toys", or other things.

In the long-run, none of these will matter. It won't matter who won the MVP, who won an Oscar, or the value of that '65 Mustang. All that will matter is whether or not we worshiped God. And if so, how did we worship Him? Did we spend Sunday mornings sleeping in because, "God will understand I stayed up too late last night watching sports/movies/TV"? Did we teach our children that, "Making a lot of money is the most important thing in life"? Or what about sacrificing our children to these false gods? And if you don't think some people sacrifice their children, watch some soccer moms or a few baseball and football dads.

I'm not saying these things are bad, but when we place these over worshipping God, we have chosen a false god over Him.

Exodus 20:3 tells us quite clearly, "Thou shalt have NO other gods before me".

Do we take our children to Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday services? Do we have daily devotionals in our houses? Do we pray every time we sit down to eat? Do we thank God for every blessing? What about every answered prayer?

Romans 12:2 KJV And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

We cannot be conformed to this world and still worship God in Spirit and in Truth. Even though this world expects everyone to look out for number one, we are to help others without expecting repayment (Matthew 5:42; Luke 6:30, 35). Even though this world looks on adultery and fornication as acceptable, we are to hold to a higher standard (Acts 15:20; Romans 6:13; I Corinthians 6:9; Ephesians 5:3).

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When we put God first in our lives and in our children's lives, we start to see Him. And when we start to see Him, we start to worship Him as He asks us to – in spirit and in truth.

Today, too many people focus on their own worries and concerns without being able to really do much about them. But when we worship our Heavenly Father, as He asks, He takes these burdens from us. We have a better hope. Check out Matthew 6.

So what does it really matter if a certain movie star is in a blockbuster movie? Let's sit down at the dinner table and give God thanks, and then eat together as a family. Let's start family devotionals in our homes, and if someone just drops by, invite them to join as well.

Worship our Father as He deserves and asks, and not according to the world. Give **HIM** the honor and glory, not some athlete or movie star. True Godly worship never let's us down, but worshipping man will never truly lift you up.

In His love,
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