

# Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”  
John 4:24



### Is There A Minimum? By Ron Boatwright

Many people want to know what the bare minimum is they can get by with in their lives. Also some Christians want to do the minimum in their spiritual lives. But does God allow a bare minimum? Jesus says, “And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength” (Mark 12:30). If we really love God, we will want to do all we can.

Some may ask, “How many times a week do I have to go to church?”, or “How much do I have to give?”, or “How much do I have to do?” This is the wrong attitude. Jesus says, “So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do’” (Luke 17:10). If we try to get by with the bare minimum in our spiritual lives, we will most likely be horribly surprised on Judgment Day when we hear the Lord say, “Depart from Me” because we have not faithfully done the will of the “Father in heaven” (Matthew 7:21-23). It will be too late then. It will be final. Can we do too much for the Lord? No!

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### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

No Bible Study This Week

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service  
10:00 AM

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Family Bible Study  
7:00 PM  
Matthew 9:32-34  
Luke 11:14-23;  
Matthew 17:1-13  
Mark 9:2-13  
Luke 9:28-37



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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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# The Purpose Of Our Worship Of God

By Ron Boatwright

The purpose of our worship is to glorify, honor, praise, exalt, and please God. Our worship must show our adoration and loyalty to God for His grace in providing us with the way to escape the bondage of sin, so we can have the salvation He so much wants to give us. The nature of the worship God demands is the prostration of our souls before Him in humble and contrite submission. James 4:6, 10 tells us, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up". Our worship to God is a very humble and reverent action.

Jesus says in John 4:23-24, "But the hour is coming, and now is, when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." It doesn't say we can worship God anyway we want, but we "must worship Him in spirit and in truth". The word "must" makes it absolute. There is no other way we can worship God and be acceptable to Him. The word "must", according to Webster, expresses "an obligation, a requirement, a necessity, a certainty, and something that must be done". When "must" is used it means that it is not optional. Here the word "must" is expressing that in spirit and in truth is the only way to acceptably worship God.

God seeks true worshippers, and He identifies them as those who "worship Him in spirit and in truth". Worshipping God in spirit means that it must be done from the heart. Worshipping God in truth means that it must be done according as God has specified in the Bible. Worshipping God in spirit and in truth is a serious matter which must not be taken lightly. If we have any regard for our own souls, we will want to make sure we are worshipping God in spirit and in truth.

Since God is the object of our worship, He and He alone has the right to determine how we are to worship Him. We read in Jeremiah 10:23, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself, it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps." We are not granted the option of directing our own ways in religion. God is the One who we look to for guidance and direction in our lives.

Our very best in worship is due God and is prescribed by Him in the Bible. The worship God has prescribed is the only way we can be pleasing to Him in this life and finally attain everlasting life with Him in eternity. The Christian's worship is of the greatest importance.

Worship is a time when we pay deep, sincere, awesome respect, love, and fear to the one who created us. Acts 17:24-25 says, "God who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives life, breath, and all things."

God is the one who holds our eternal destiny in His hands. Philippians 2:12 tells us to, "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Our salvation is a very serious matter and will not happen by accident. We must work it out "with fear and trembling". Our salvation depends on whether our worship is pleasing to God or not. On the Day of Judgment it will be too late to make any corrections.

Worship should cause us to reflect on the majesty and graciousness of God and Christ, contrasted to our own unworthiness. God does not have to have our worship, but we must worship Him to please Him. Our singing, praying, studying His word, giving, and communion are designed by God to bring us closer to Him and to cause us to think more like He thinks, thus becoming more like Him. James 4:8 tells us to, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

Our worship not only honors and magnifies God, but it is also for our own edification and strength. Worship helps us develop a God-like and Christ-like character. We become like unto those we admire and worship. When we worship God we tend to value what God values and gradually take on the characteristics and qualities of God, but never to His level. As Philippians 2:5 says, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ." How do we take on the mind of Christ? In Romans 12:2 we read, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." We renew our mind as we study and meditate on God's word and worship Him.

When we worship God we develop such traits as forgiveness, tenderness, justice, righteousness, purity, kindness, and love. All of this is preparing us for eternal life in heaven with God and Christ. As we are told in Colossians 3:2 to, "Set your mind on things above, and not on things on the earth."

We must do the most we can for the Lord. We must, "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Our number one priority in this life must be to go to Heaven when this life is over. God "is a rewarder of those, who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). But we must diligently seek God if we expect to receive the reward of Heaven. The Bible says, "Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure" (2 Peter 1:10). But we must be "looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God" (Hebrews 12:15). We can definitely fall from the grace of God even though Satan says we can't.

What about those who are lukewarm? Jesus says, "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth" (Revelation 3:16). Those who are lukewarm make Jesus sick at His stomach. But Jesus promises, "Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). Let's make sure we go to Heaven. Nothing is as important.

## Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments (Serrie Smith, Connie Montgomery, Ken Williams)
- All those affected by COVID-19
- Virginia Thorne
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## Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2020 is in foyer

## Announcements

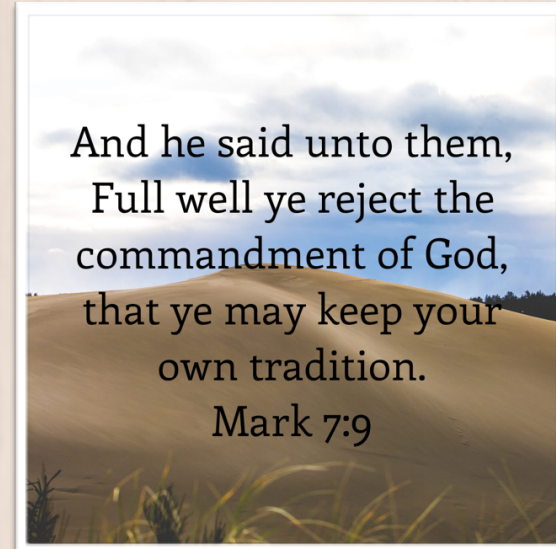
- Virginia Leigh Dudley born Tuesday 7 lbs 15 oz, Mom and baby are at home and doing well
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## June Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Frances Hall - 11th
- Don/Marilyn Potts - 9th
- Anthony/Julia Juliano - 24th

## Every Sunday Morning

@ 6:00 AM  
on WTOK-TV



And he said unto them,  
Full well ye reject the  
commandment of God,  
that ye may keep your  
own tradition.  
Mark 7:9

## Men to Serve

### Sunday Morning

- Announcements/Opening Prayer - Shay Cooper
- Scripture Reading - Mark 7:6-13
- Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
- Head of Lord's Table - Don Potts
- Scripture Reading - Luke 22:15-22
- Assist on Lord's Table - Chuck Rowell
- Closing Prayer - Scott Williams

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