

Wasted Worship

Whether we're implementing an exercise and diet plan or building a relationship, we understand that consistency is essential for success. The same is true for our worship to God, and yet such a principle is often forgotten or ignored when applied to our worship.

A. What is true worship to God?

- Romans 12:1
 - "Present your bodies as a _____ sacrifice, which is your _____ service.
- 1 Samuel 15:22
 - "To _____ is better than sacrifice"
- Hosea 6:6
 - "I desire _____, not _____."

B. How do we waste our worship?

- By mistreating others
 - James 1:27; Matthew 5:23-24
- By fraternizing with the world
 - 1 Peter 1:15-16; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17; 1 Thess. 5:22; Romans 12:9; Psalm 97:10; Proverbs 8:13; Amos 5:15
 - Jeremiah 7:1-10; Micah 3:9-11
- By neglecting to nurture our relationship with God 24/7

C. A consequence of isolating our worship:

- _____ worship
 - Malachi 1:6-10

Practical Challenge for This Week:

What can we do to change from being weekend Christians to being living sacrifices to God? What can we do this week to truly worship God the way he wants us to do so? One practical solution is to begin each day by properly adjusting our frame of mind to one of worship by starting the day with prayer and devotion to God.