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Elevating Our Heartfelt Worship So It Transforms Us

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My invitation is for each of us to prayerfully consider how we can worship in an elevated way—by living the gospel as if every action were a love letter to the Lord. Worship is the soul's declaration that God comes first in our hearts. As we embrace this, our worship will transform us, filling us with joy and preparing us to have confidence before the Lord. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." — Matthew 22:37 (KJV)

There are three "alls" in His teaching. What if our actions—our prayers, scripture study, service, repentance, and Sabbath worship—were rooted in fully surrendering our heart and will to Him? Not as items on a checklist, but as daily expressions of love. That shift would beautifully transform our relationship with the Lord.

Step: 1

Prayerfully study Elder Christofferson's recent general conference talk titled "Worship". Read or watch it individually and as families, wards, quorums and classes.



Step: 2

Prayerfully assess what worship means to you. Use the Personal Worship Reflection Guide for an honest evaluation of your current worship and to make a personal plan as to how you will elevate it and strengthen your relationship with the Lord.

Step: 3

Track your daily effort to elevate your worship using the Daily Worship Effort Guide. Fill in a circle for each day you put forth effort to show your love, adoration and gratitude for the Lord. Do this from now until Thanksgiving which is approximately 100 days away.

My Promise:

As you do this, you will feel a tender closeness with Heavenly Father and your Savior. Your worship, service, and gospel living will become more joyful. Charity for others will grow, a spirit of gratitude will fill your life, and your current burdens will feel lighter (Matthew 11:28).



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Personal Worship Reflection Guide

When Elder Dunn asked me, “What is your worship-o-meter set at?” That question has caused me to reflect on whether, in a world of casual worship, we have become thermometers (simply reflecting the world around us) or thermostats (intentionally setting a higher level of whole-hearted reverence, love, and adoration for God).

Elder Christofferson’s message gives us the following four inspired ways to evaluate and elevate our own personal worship-o-meter so we can improve little by little each day.

1. Actions

Worship is more than attendance. It is what we actively do to honor God—praying, studying scripture, partaking of the sacrament, serving, and keeping our covenants. These actions invite His Spirit into our lives.

What is at least one action I can take to show God my love?

2. Attitude

“Feeling and expressing gratitude to God are, in fact, what infuses worship with a sense of joyful renewal as opposed to seeing it as just one more duty...living in thanksgiving daily.” – Elder Christofferson

How can I express my gratitude to the Lord in my worship?

3. Exclusivity

Worship belongs to God alone. Anything that distracts our hearts, time, or devotion can become an idol. Choosing to worship Him above all else helps us resist the world’s pull.

What competes for my devotion, and how will I put God first?

4. Emulation

Worship transforms us into disciples who reflect the Savior’s character. As we emulate Him, we become more patient, compassionate, and Christlike in our daily living.

What Christlike attribute could I develop that would bless my life and others? How will I do that?

Daily Worship Effort Tracker

There are approximately 100 days between now and Thanksgiving. Color in the circle for each day you intentionally put forth effort to elevate your worship.

