

LESSON TEN

THE WORSHIP PRINCIPLE

The Worship Principle

Part 1 (of 2 parts)

University Objectives... (Reviewed)

_____ the Word!

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Semper Vivus: _____

“This _____ is _____!”

“University” Defined:

“An institution of _____ at the highest _____.”

Principle 10 (of 12)

The _____ Principle

I can find ultimate purpose in life only by learning the essentials of intimacy with God through prayer and worship. I must make my relationship with God an everyday encounter. I must learn that the height of happiness is found in a depth of devotion to God. I hereby resolve to choose this course of action daily, and in God’s power I consider it done.

Primary Passage...

One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Psalm 27:4 (NIV)

Foundational Premise...

“Premise” Defined:

“A proposition upon which an _____ is based or from which a _____ is drawn.”

Premise...

“To know a person _____ one must spend _____ time with that person. Knowing God and discerning His will and ways for one’s life requires the cultivating of a _____ prayer and worship _____.

SONGS FROM NORTH KOREA ...

- “The Joy of Bumper Harvest Overflows Amidst the Song of Mechanization”
- “Song of Blood Transfusion”
- “The Shoes My Brother Bought Fit Me Tight”

THE PRAYING CHRISTIAN (Part 1)

“A CALL TO INTIMACY”

Scripture:

Oh, that we might know the LORD! Let us press on to know him! Then he will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring...

Hosea 6:3 (NLT)

Scripture:

May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. As we know Jesus better, his divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life. He has called us to receive his own glory and goodness!

2 Peter 1:2-3 (NLT)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Hebrew word for “ways”: _____

1. “A _____, a _____, a _____ of action or _____ of life.”

2. “Undertakings or _____.”

Dictionary definition of “way”:

1. “A _____ affording _____ from one _____ to another.”

2. “A usual or habitual _____ or _____ of being, living or _____.”

Hebrew word for acknowledge: _____

KNOWING GOD: FIVE BIBLICAL DEFINITIONS

1. OBSERVATION

Summary: To _____

“Observe” defined:

“To _____ carefully with attention to _____ for the purpose of forming a _____.”

From the Latin *observare*: “To _____ or _____.”

Scripture:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Psalms 27:4 (NIV)

2. REFLECTION

Summary: To _____

“Reflect” defined:

“To think _____ or _____.”

From the Latin *reflectere*: “To _____ back.”

“Reflection” Defined:

“Careful consideration of some subject _____, idea or _____.”

Scripture:

And so, dear brothers and sisters who belong to God and are bound for heaven, think about this Jesus whom we declare to be God’s Messenger and High Priest.

Hebrews 3:1 (NLT)

O God, we meditate on your unfailing love as we worship in your Temple.

Psalms 48:9 (NLT)

Note what follows “to behold thy beauty”—“to inquire in his temple.”

Psalms 27:4 (KJV)

The NLT uses the expression “meditating in his temple.”

The NIV says, “to seek him in his temple.”

3. EXPERIENCE

Summary: To _____

“Experience” defined:

1. “Something personally _____ or _____.”

2. “Having been _____ by or gained _____ through direct _____ or participation.”

From the Latin *experientia*:

“The _____ of _____.”

Scripture:

May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Ephesians 3:19 (NLT)

If you do this, you will experience God’s peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7 (NLT)

4. INVESTIGATION

Summary: To _____

“Investigate” defined:

“To _____ by close _____ and systematic _____.”

From the Latin *investigare*:

“To _____”

From *vestigium*:

“ _____ ”

Scripture:

O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water.

Psalm 63:1 (NLT)

Happy are those who obey his decrees and search for him with all their hearts.

Psalm 119:2 (NLT)

5. DIRECT INTIMATE CONTACT

Summary:

To _____

“Cling” defined:

“To hold _____ or adhere to something or someone, as by _____, sticking, _____ or entwining.”

“To resist _____; to remain emotionally _____; to hold on.”

Scripture:

“As a belt clings to a person’s waist, so I created Judah and Israel to cling to me,” says the LORD. “They were to be my people, my pride, my glory—an honor to my name. But they would not listen to me.”

Jeremiah 13:11 (NLT)

That is why we have a great High Priest who has gone to heaven, Jesus the Son of God. Let us cling to him and never stop trusting him.

Hebrews 4:14 (NLT)

...but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

Daniel 11:32b (KJV)

“Strong”: _____ and _____.

“Exploits”: Bold _____ and daring _____.

Talk Back Time:

(Share what you've learned with your small group.)

Discuss (or meditate on) various ways you think intimacy with God can be developed in a practical manner. How is intimacy in marriage a physical analogy to spiritual intimacy with God in birthing vision and kingdom fruit?

Pray Back Time:

(Pray what you've learned in your small group.)

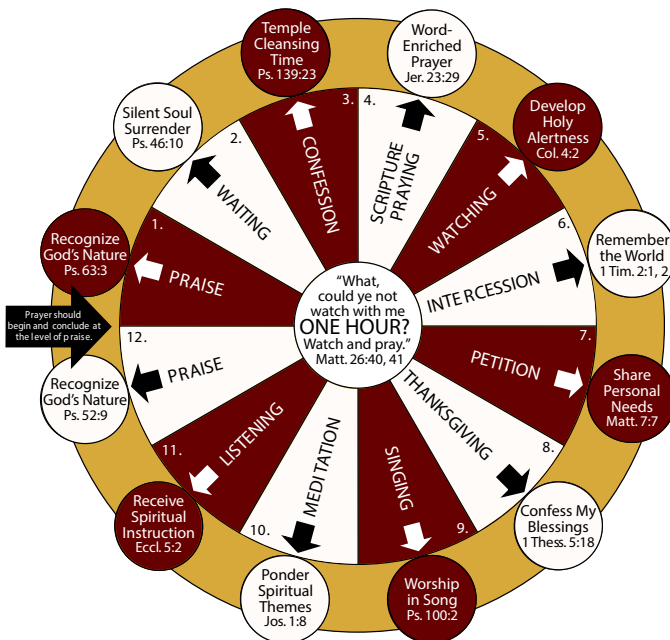
Ask God to help you cultivate a life of consistent intimacy with Him through daily encounters in prayer and Scripture engagement. Confess areas of your life that you feel may hinder developing such a consistent intimacy.

The Worship Principle Part 2 (of 2 parts)

THE PRAYING CHRISTIAN (Part 2) A CALL TO CONSISTENCY

Cultivating a One-Hour 12-Step Prayer Plan

From *The Hour That Changes the World*
by Dick Eastman (Chosen Books)



1. Step One: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

...My lips brim praises like fountains. I bless you every time I take a breath; My arms wave like banners of praise to you.

Psalm 63:3b-4 (MSG)

2. Step Two: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning...

Psalm 130:5-6 (NIV)

3. Step Three: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgression to the LORD"...

Psalm 32:5 (NIV)

4. Step Four: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

5. Step Five: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

6. Step Six: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority...
1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV)

7. Step Seven: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.
Matthew 7:7 (NLT)

8. Step Eight: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NKJV)

9. Step Nine: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:19b-20 (NIV)

10. Step Ten: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Joshua 1:8 (NIV)

11. Step Eleven: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Ephesians 1:17 (NIV)

12. Step Twelve: _____

A Time of _____

Scripture:

But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more.

Psalms 71:14 (NIV)

Passages for Further Study

(See following page for an example.)

Look up these passages in your Bible, underline key phrases or put a box around them. Put a number "10" in the margin of your Bible by that passage and circle it. Then, go back to your primary passage (Psalm 27:4) and in the margin write these verses beside it or at the bottom of the page. In this way you will begin to cross-reference your Bible.

- 1 Chronicles 16:23-29
- Psalm 9:1-2
- Psalm 29:1-2
- Psalm 42:1-2
- Psalm 63:1, 8
- Psalm 67:3-7
- Psalm 73:23-28
- Psalm 84:1-4
- Psalm 96:7-12
- Psalm 100:1-5
- Psalm 113:1-3
- Psalm 119:24
- Psalm 138:1-2
- Psalm 150:1-2
- Isaiah 40:29, 31
- Matthew 21:15-16
- Matthew 26:36-41
- Luke 2:36-38
- John 4:19-24
- Hebrews 13:15
- James 5:16-18
- Hosea 6:3
- 2 Peter 1:2-3
- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Hebrews 12:1-2
- Hebrews 3:1
- Psalm 48:9
- Ephesians 3:19
- Philippians 4:7
- Psalm 119:2
- Jeremiah 13:11
- Hebrews 4:14
- Daniel 11:32b
- Genesis 4:1
- Psalm 63:3b-4
- Psalm 130:5-6
- Psalm 32:5
- Romans 10:17
- Colossians 4:2
- 1 Timothy 2:1-2
- Matthew 7:7
- 1 Thessalonians 5:15
- Ephesians 5:19b-20
- Joshua 1:8
- Ephesians 1:17
- Psalm 71:14

Psalm 27
Of David.

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?
2 When evil men advance against me
to devour my flesh,
when my enemies and my foes attack me,
they will stumble and fall.
3 Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then will I be confident.

⑩ Primary
Passage

4 One thing I ask of the LORD,
this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.

5 For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle
and set me high upon a rock.
6 Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

7 Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;
be merciful to me and answer me.

8 My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, I will seek.

9 Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,
O God my Savior.

10 Though my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will receive me.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me in a straight path
because of my oppressors.

12 Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
for false witnesses rise up against me,
breathing out violence.

13 I am still confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the LORD;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the LORD.

1 Chron. 16: 23-29
Ps. 9: 1-2
Ps. 29: 1-2
Ps. 42: 1-2
Ps. 63: 1, 8
Ps. 67: 3-7
Ps. 73: 23-28
Ps. 84: 1-4
Ps. 96: 7-12
Ps. 100: 1-5
Ps. 113: 1-3
Ps. 119: 24
Ps. 138: 1-2
Ps. 150: 1-2
Is. 40: 29, 31
Matt. 21: 15-16
Matt. 26: 36-41
Luke 2: 36-38
John 4: 19-24
Heb. 13: 15
James 5: 16-18
Hosea 6: 3
2 Peter 1: 2-3
Prov. 3: 5-6

Talk Back Time:

(Share what you've learned with your small group.)

Discuss (or meditate on) why and how having a plan for daily prayer helps one maintain a consistency in sustaining a regular prayer habit. In addition to having a plan for daily prayer, what other practical ways can we enhance our times of devotional prayer?

Pray Back Time:

(Pray what you've learned in your small group.)

In prayer, focus specifically on two of the 12 aspects of prayer discussed — praise (step number 1) and intercession (step number 6). First, verbally praise God for at least one aspect of His nature and character. Secondly, intercede for a specific person, nation, or situation that represents a strategic need.
