

Worship God with your Time

God has given us the gift of time

- *Chronos* time (measured time; clocks and calendars)
- *Kairos* time (experienced time; quality time)

Chronos time

- God established the cycle of day, week, month, quarter, year (Genesis 1:3-2:3)
- God established the cycle of work, rest, worship (Exodus 20:8-11; 23:12-13)
- Recognize who is in charge (Psalm 31:14-15)
- Recognize that life is brief (Psalm 90:10-12)
- Pace yourself—don't presume the future or rush ahead (James 4:13-17)
- Follow the rhythm of life

Kairos time

- Each event of life has its own season and length of time (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)
- Recognize and enjoy the season you are in
- Adjust your expectations

- Seize the unique opportunities that each season presents (Colossians 4:5; Ephesians 5:15-17)

- Recognize the difference between:
 - The important and the urgent (Luke 10:38-42)

 - The clear call of God that must be obeyed and the unexpected opportunity you can say “Yes” or “No” to (2 Corinthians 2:12-13)

 - Ordinary human plans and God’s extraordinary purposes (Proverbs 19:21)

- Live with intentionality (Matthew 6:19-21, 33)

In order to worship God with your time,

Recognize that God has entrusted you with a task to accomplish and enough time to get it done.

Because your time is short, live wisely and intentionally in order to accomplish what God has called you to do.

Principles of Worship

We tend to equate worship with:

- Music. When the music stops, worship ends.
- Church building. We focus on corporate worship.
- Sunday. We limit worship to one hour per week.
- Our preferences. We dismiss anything outside our “likes.”

Worship is a celebration of God:

- Worship is focused on who God is and what he has done (Revelation 4:8-11).
- Worship is an active response to God whereby we declare his worth (Psalm 96:4, 8).

Worship should include a wide range of expression:

- Musical—stringed instruments (Psalm 98:5); trumpets, brass (Psalm 98:6); cymbals, tambourines, percussion (Psalm 150:4, 5).
- Verbal—praise, singing (Psalm 138:1-2); joy, gladness, singing (Psalm 100:1-2); creativity and new songs (Psalm 96:1; 98:1); continual expression (Revelation 4:8-11); silence (Habakkuk 2:20).
- Physical—bowing, kneeling (Psalm 95:6); dancing (Psalm 150:4); clapping (Psalm 98:8); service (Romans 12:1-2); gifts (Philippians 4:18).
- Emotions—joy, gladness, singing (Psalm 100:1-2); humility (2 Chronicles 7:3); brokenness (Job 1:20).

Definition of Worship:

Worship is an act of reverence (adoration) by men and women (creature) to God (Creator) made in response to God’s revelation of himself (his person and his works) expressed by an offering (sacrifice) of ourselves through our life (personality, abilities, gifts, obedience; Romans 12:1-2, 6-8), substance (time, resources, finances; Philippians 4:18), praise (adoration, thanksgiving; Hebrews 13:1), and service (good works, evangelism; Romans 15:16; Hebrews 13:16).