

**THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE**  
*Or, The Forty Weeks of Purpose*  
A Sermon Series Based on the Book by Rick Warren  
Message Fourteen (Week Thirteen): Worship That Pleases God  
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**INTRODUCTION:**

Key Text: Mark 12:30

**PROPOSITION:** The kind of worship that pleases God has four characteristics.

**I. GOD IS PLEASED WHEN OUR WORSHIP IS ACCURATE. John 4:23.**

- A. The Concept of God Is Not Subjective, Based on Our Wishes.
- B. The Character of God Is Stated, Based on God's Word.

**II. GOD IS PLEASED WHEN OUR WORSHIP IS AUTHENTIC. 1 Sam. 16:7**

- A. Note the Mandate of Worshipping God.
  - 1. Worship is to be Spiritual.
  - 2. Worship is to be Sensitive.
  - 3. Worship is to be Somatic.
    - a. The Proof of Somatic Worship.
      - i. Ps. 47:1:
      - ii. Ps. 98:8, 9:
      - iii. Isa. 55:12:
      - iv. 1 Tim. 2:8:
      - v. Rev. 7:9, 10:

vi. 2 Sam. 6:12-23:

vii. Ps. 33:1-3:

viii. 1 Sam. 10:5, 6:

b. The **Preventatives** to Somatic Worship.

i. Personality.

ii. Preference.

iii. Predisposition.

iv. Peer Pressure.

v. Problem.

vi. Phony.

4. Worship is to make **Sense**.

B. Note the **Methods** of Worshipping God.

1. **Naturalists**: Inspired to love God out-of-doors, in natural settings.
2. **Sensates**: Appreciate beautiful worship services that appeal to the five senses.
3. **Traditionalists**: Prefer rituals, liturgies, symbols, and unchanging structures.
4. **Ascetics**: Prefer solitude and simplicity.
5. **Activists**: Prefer confronting evil, battling injustices, and working to make the world a better place.
6. **Caregivers**: Prefer loving others and meeting their needs.
7. **Enthusiasts** (Or, “Celebratives”): Prefer celebration!
8. **Contemplatives**: Prefer adoration.
9. **Intellectuals**: Prefer studying and engaging their minds.

**III. GOD IS PLEASED WHEN OUR WORSHIP IS ABSORBING.**

- A. Absorbing Worship Is Done Without Detachment.
- B. Absorbing Worship Is Done With Diversity. Matt. 6:7.
- C. Absorbing Worship Is Done Decently. 1 Cor. 14:40.

**IV. GOD IS PLEASED WHEN OUR WORSHIP IS APPLIED. Rom. 12:1, 2.**

- A. We are to Offer God Our Selves.
- B. We are to Offer God Our Sacrifices. 2 Sam. 24:24.
- C. We are to Offer God Our Strength.

***APPLICATION:***

**Point to Ponder:** God wants *all* of me.

**Question to Consider:** Which is more pleasing to God right now- my public worship or my private worship? What will I do about this?