

How to tell God that we love Him.

"To express our love to God is what worship is."

Outline Notes

Matthew 22:37-38 (niv)

The heart of the Christian life can be summed up in one word "**relationship**".
God created us to have a relationship with us.

The Bible says that expressing our love to God is called **worship**.
There are six ways of expressing our worship or love to God;

1. By **SINGING** to God.

Psalms 147:7 (tlb) Sing out your thanks to Him; sing praises to our God...

Personal Evaluation

- How often do I sing my thanks and love to God?

Daily? Regularly? Occasionally? Rarely?

(Cross out which one represents your current level and circle where you'd like to move onto.)

2. By **TALKING** to God.

Psalms 116:1-2 (nlt) *I love the Lord because He hears and answers my prayers. Because He bends down and listens, I will pray as long as I have breath!*

Prayer is not a duty that we have to do. It's a privilege that we get to do.

Personal Evaluation

- How often do I talk to God?

Daily? Regularly? Occasionally? Rarely?

(Cross out which one represents your current level and circle where you'd like to move onto.)

3. By **LISTENING** to God.

We need to stop and pause and take the time needed to hear what God wants to say to us because He is speaking.

How does God speak to us?

- i. Through the Bible

- ii. Through life experiences
- iii. Through other people
- iv. Through the Holy Spirit

Personal Evaluation

- How often do I pause to listen to God?
Daily? Regularly? Occasionally? Rarely?

(Cross out which one represents your current level and circle where you'd like to move onto.)

4. By publicly IDENTIFYING with God.

We cannot say we love Jesus and be ashamed of Him at the same time.

Mark 8:38 (icb) *If anyone is ashamed of Me and My teaching then I will be ashamed of him when I come with the glory of My Father...*

There are two important ways we can identify ourselves with Jesus.

1. Communion

Communion helps us identify with what Jesus did for us.

- He saved us from the penalty of sin.
- He saves us from the power of sin.
- Eventually He saves us from the presence of sin.

2. Water Baptism

Water Baptism means that we share with Jesus in all that He has done.

- We share in Jesus' death.

Romans 6:3 (niv)

- We share in Jesus' burial.

Romans 6:4a (nlt) *For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism...*

Colossians 2:12a (msg) *Going under the water was a burial of your old life....*

- We share in Jesus' resurrection.

Romans 6:4b-5 (niv)

Colossians 2:12b-13 (msg) ... coming up out of it was a resurrection, God raising you from the dead as He did Christ.

- We share in Jesus' victory over sin.

Romans 6:6-11 (niv)

5. By being COMMITTED to God.

Nothing ever significant happens in life without commitment.

2 Chronicles 16:9a (nlt) *The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him...*

There are five basic commitments the Christian should be committed to;

- i. Giving our life to Jesus Christ.
- ii. Committing our life to God's family.
- iii. Choosing to grow spiritually.
- iv. Using our talents and gifts in helping others.
- v. Sharing the good news of Jesus with other people.

Our everyday life can and should worship God.

Romans 12:1 (msg) *Take your everyday, ordinary life, your sleeping, eating, going to work and walking around life and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him.*

Personal Evaluation

- How often do I commit to sharing the good news of Jesus to others?

Daily? Regularly? Occasionally? Rarely?

(Cross out which one represents your current level and circle where you'd like to move onto.)

6. By GIVING to God.

2 Corinthians 9:6 (niv)

This is the principle of sowing and reaping.

Luke 6:38 (gnb) *Give to others, and God will give to you... The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you.*

We need to give with the right attitude!

2 Corinthians 9:7 (nlt) *You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully.*

Our attitude with our money represents our heart attitude.

Matthew 6:21 (nlt) *Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be.*

God will meet our needs when we display five good attitudes towards giving;

1: We are to give thoughtfully.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (nlt) *You must each make up your own mind...*

2: We are to give enthusiastically.

...don't give reluctantly...

3: We are to give voluntarily.

... not in response to pressure.

4: We are to give cheerfully.

For God loves the person who gives cheerfully.

5: We are to give weekly.

1 Corinthians 16:2 (tlb) *On every Lord's Day put aside some from what you have earned during the week, and use it for the offering.*

Personal Evaluation

- How often do I give my tithe back to the Lord?

Weekly? Occasionally? Rarely? Never?

(Cross out which one represents your current level and circle where you'd like to move onto.)