

WARMING UP TO WORSHIP

Text Romans 12:1-8 ESV

Everyone who comes to church to worship God should be taking steps beforehand to ensure that they are prepared to enter into worship, so that our worship may be _____ to the One who is worthy of our praise.

Many people will tell you that praise is up-tempo music and worship is soft and contemplative music — but the truth is that neither praise nor is worship exclusively about _____.

The real key to "getting more" out of the worship service is not to create a "better" worship service, or to find a church that can produce a "better" worship service; but rather, the key to getting more out of worship is to come to the service better _____ with a better _____.

Three attitudes that we need to adopt in order to prepare ourselves to enter into worship.

1. An Attitude of S_____.

The Greek word translated *present* means *to make available, to offer, to give, or to give up* — so Paul is talking here about the idea of letting yourself go, of surrendering yourself completely to God.

Before you can enter into worship, you need to come with an attitude of surrender. Like John the Baptist, we must be willing to say: Ref: John 3:3

2. An Attitude of S_____.

When you come to worship, come with the attitude of giving of yourself. Come with a willingness to pay a price, so to speak. Come with an attitude that says, "I'm here to _____, not here to _____."

Worship isn't something that we do for ourselves, for our own entertainment, to make ourselves feel good. Worship is our time to give to God that which he is due: the praise and the honor and the _____ he deserves.

Now, the paradox is that the more we surrender to him, and the more we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, the more he blesses us.

That's what our worship should be: a sacrifice of _____. It means that we come with an attitude of paying a price: What can I give to God today? Which part of myself can I leave behind? Ref: Hebrews 13:15

3. An Attitude of S_____.

Paul is saying that we all have different gifts, so let's use them to serve the church and to serve one another. Because when we _____ we _____. Serving God and serving one another is an act of worship. Ref: Romans 12: 5-8