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I. God Is Seeking Worshipers Who Worship In Spirit And Truth.

- A. **John 4:23-24** – *A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true (genuine) **worshippers** will worship the Father in spirit and in truth (reality); for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshipers. God is a Spirit (a spiritual Being) and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (reality).*
- B. A true worshiper always gives his heart before his works; otherwise, they are “dead works.”
1. **Hebrews 6:1** – The abandonment of dead works (dead formalism) is a foundational teaching. Until it is established, one cannot go on to other things.
 2. **Matthew 15:7-8** – Hypocrites (Pharisees) draw nigh with their lips, while their hearts are far from Him.
 3. Religion tries to “reach God through works.” Salvation knows that God has reached man through the work of Jesus Christ. **Christ indwells man!**
- C. Religion is full of “dead works”: do’s, don’ts, should’s, ought’s, expectations, and rules.
1. All of these must be followed for one to be considered “in” or acceptable.
 2. Dead works produce “spiritual exhaustion.” They minister death, not life. They are empty and lifeless. **(II Corinthians 3:6)**

3. The spirit of religion cannot be satisfied.
(**Matthew 11:18-19**)
- D. Worshipers do not serve God with religion; they are serving God with their spirits (heart and inner being) and with their lives (**Romans 1:9**).
 1. **Acts 24:14** – Interchanges the words: worship and serve. Paul said, “I worship (serve) God.”
 2. A servant is available to serve the master in whatever way is desired. A servant is available to fulfill the master’s will.
A servant offers his life.

II. Worshipers Live A Life Of Surrender.

- A. **Surrender** (defined) – To relinquish possession or control of another; to give up in favor of another; to give up or give back something that has been granted (such as your will); to abandon or resign yourself to something; to give oneself up.
- B. **Romans 12:1** – Dedicate all your members and faculties as a living sacrifice.
 1. The law required dead sacrifices – grace requires living ones.
 2. **John 11:43-44** – Truly dedicated people have taken off their grave clothes. They are rejoicing in their choice, not feeling oppressed and taken advantage of.
 3. Surrender with joy – not depression!
- C. Worshipers must not hold anything back – they must worship with their “everything.”
- D. **Luke 11:39-41** – Dedicate your inner selves.

**EVERYTHING MAY NOT BE REQUIRED,
BUT IT MUST BE AVAILABLE.**

II. Lord Of All

- A. He must be Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all!
- B. **Colossians 3:17** – Do **ALL** in dependence on Him.
 - 1. He is calling for the death of independence.
- C. **He wants to be involved in everything you do. Don't divide your life into "sacred and secular," but realize the secular becomes sacred when He is present.**
 - 1. **Exodus 3:1-5** – The burning bush – Take off your shoes because the place where you stand is holy ground.
- D. **Acts 10:36** – *You know the contents of the message which He sent to Israel, announcing the good news (Gospel) of peace by Jesus Christ, **Who is Lord of all . . .***
- E. **I Corinthians 15:28** – *However, when everything is subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also subject Himself to [the Father] Who put all things under Him, so that God may be all in all [**be everything to everyone, supreme, the indwelling and controlling factor of life**].*
 - 1. I feel my mission is to teach everyone that He is everything. Nothing has any meaning without Him.
- F. **Ephesians 1:22-23** – *And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church [a headship exercised throughout the church], Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all [for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself].*
 - 1. If He is the Head of the church, then He must be the Head of me and of everything I do.
 - 2. **James 4:1-8** – Strife is the result of independence.

3. **I Peter 5:5-7** – He sets Himself against the independent.

IV. Those Who Made Him Lord Of All

- A. **Mark 12:41-44** – The widow cast in all she had; while others, who had much more, cast in a small portion.
 1. **Mark 10:17-23** – The rich, young ruler was unwilling to give all.
- B. **I Kings: Chapter 17** – The widow had to be willing to give all – then her miracle supply began.
- C. **Proverbs 3:6** – In **ALL** your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path.
 1. Independence does not acknowledge Him.
- D. **Genesis 22:1-18** – God asked Abraham for all.
 1. He could not worship until he surrendered three areas:
Mind – Will – Emotions.
- E. Covenant requires the giving of “all.”
 1. Both parties make all they have available to the other.
 2. **John 16:14-15** – Everything that Jesus has is available to us and is transmitted as we have need by the Holy Spirit.
- F. Let each of us visit Isaac’s altar – the place where Abraham had to lay down his most precious possession – lest it take precedence over God.
- G. **It is time to get detached from your attachments and PUT HIM FIRST IN EVERYTHING.**
 1. Thoughts
 2. Time

3. Money
4. Talents
5. Conversation
6. Choices
7. Attitudes

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