

Worship in the N.T.

3. The Heart of Worship Romans 12.

Worship is about *giving*...

**“In view of God’s mercies...
offer your bodies
as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God
– this is your true
and proper worship”**

Romans 12: 1.

Contribution



Total commitment

Giving OURSELVES

- Every part of us
- Mind, emotions, actions, directions....
- Allowing God to shape us from the inside



Worshippers or consumers?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consumers<ul style="list-style-type: none">– We come to give God our order– To be filled up– To get our needs met | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worshippers<ul style="list-style-type: none">– We come to give God ourselves– To become who God wants us to be– To be empowered to serve |
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Giving our ABILITIES – v. 6-8

1. Gifts are there to be used
2. There for the sake of others, not ourselves.

Giving our RELATIONSHIPS

- Honour each other – v. 10
- Share with one another – v. 12
- Forgive one another
: don't hold on to grievances

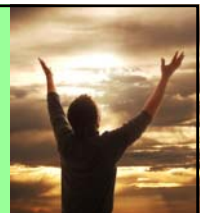


Giving....

- POSSESSIONS
- Our WILL...

Worship generates mission!
"Here am I! Send me!"

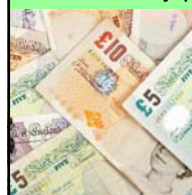
Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.



Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.



Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my king.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.



Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Every power as thou shall choose.



Take my will and make it thine,
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is your own,
It shall be your royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.