



Playing with Lego as a little kid was always one of my favorite things to do. I loved to build anything I could get my hands on. I liked building houses, towns, cars and pretty much anything else I could dream up.

I remember one year at Christmas, I got a new Lego set. It was a train station, and I just loved building it. I opened up the instruction booklet that came with the set and began following each step to construct the train station. In all the excitement to build the set, however, I began to realize that I had missed a step somewhere in the building process. Things began to look a little strange, and the train station just wasn't looking right. Because I missed a step along the way, things began to not look right.

That reminds me of how its like for us to worship God. Much of the time we try to get the end result of worship, singing, eyes closed, hands clapping and whatever else worship looks like, but we often forget a step.

## **The Missing Step**

Often when we worship, we forget why it is that we worship. And sometimes, we forget why we even can worship. We're able to worship because of our relationship with God.

You wouldn't be able to talk about how good food is at a restaurant if you didn't eat there. It's after you've tried the food that you're able to talk about how good it is. That's how we are with God. To really enjoy praising him, we've got to get to know Him. We've got to develop a relationship with Him.

God wants nothing more than a relationship with you. He loves you and wants to know you in a deeper and more real way. This relationship enables us to worship God and enjoy him in a deeper way.

***Through Jesus we should always bring God a sacrifice of praise, that is, words that acknowledge him By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name – Hebrews 13:15 (KJV)***

This verse gives us lots of good examples of what praise is. It's a sacrifice that may take some work and effort and stepping out of what feels comfortable to give praise. It also tells us that our lips should be giving thanks. That we should be producing thanks to God.

## **Worship Starts With the Heart**

There are so many things that you can thank God for. Whether it's simply the fact that you're breathing, or for the food you got to eat, the clothes you wear, or the friends that you have. It could be taking time to think about all that God provided for you in Christ.

You can thank God that you're not a sinner any longer, but a child of God. You can thank God for His faithfulness and goodness. There are so many things to thank God for.

Worship isn't complicated. It's not hard or something that you've got to go to Bible school to learn how to do effectively. Worship starts by simply taking time to thank God for what He's done in your life. So don't be like I was with my train station Lego set as a kid. Don't forget a step when it comes to worship. Don't forget that worship isn't about actions only, it's about your heart. It's about taking time to focus on who God is and what He's done for you. Worship starts with the heart.

Challenge yourself today to not let your worship become stale, but to refocus your attention on Jesus. Focus on who He is and what He's done for you.

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Take some time a look up the following verses. Right down your thoughts about each one.

**Galatians 2:20**  
**Acts 16:25**  
**Psalm 100:1-5**  
**Daniel 3:16-18**

Quotes on Worship:

*"The highest form of worship is the worship of unselfish Christian service."*  
~ **Billy Graham**

*"Fruitful and acceptable worship begins before it begins."*  
~ **Alexander MacLaren**