

Worship is...Whatever
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Whatever ... meaning varies depending upon the context.

CIE Context is everything.

Context for Colossians 3:15-17

Vs. 12-14, Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience.
Bear, forgive, put on love.

Vs. 18-21, Wives submit, Husbands love, do not be harsh,
Children obey, Fathers do not embitter your children.

Memory Verse:

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” —Colossians 3:17

1. Worship is whatever... Circumstance

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.” —Colossians 3:15

“Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” —Ephesians 5:15-20

2. Worship is whatever... Words come out of your mouth

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.” —Colossians 3:16

“Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.” —Ephesians 5:19

3. Worship is whatever... **You do** in Word or Deed

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There are times when there is no illumination and no thrill, but just the daily round, the common task. Routine is God’s way of saving us between our times of inspiration. Do not expect God always to give you His thrilling minutes, but learn to live in the domain of drudgery by the power of God.

It is the “adding” that is difficult. We say we do not expect God to carry us to heaven on flowery beds of ease, and yet we act as if we did! The tiniest detail in which I obey has all the omnipotent power of the grace of God behind it. If I do my duty, not for duty’s sake, but because I believe God is engineering my circumstances, then at the very point of my obedience the whole superb grace of God is mine through the Atonement. (My Utmost, June 15)

Fathers’ Day Context.

Worship for Fathers is...Whatever

- **Do not be harsh.**
- **Do not embitter your children.**
- **Turn your hearts to your children.**

“See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord comes, he will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their father; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.”

—Malachi 4:5-6