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Worship and Sanctification

Introduction:

Dealing with stubborn desires—Kelli's story

Brainstorming worship words—what are we commanded to do in relationship to the LORD?

I. False worship as an indicator of what's wrong.

A. Matthew 12:33-35

B. False loves, misplaced hope, misplaced trust

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II. A lifestyle of worship leads to sanctification.

This is one of our strongest weapons against strong desires—superior loves, hopes and trust/faith defeats inferior loves, hopes, trusts.

A. A lifestyle of loving God and others leads to sanctification
Love is a mechanism of growth

“For people will be lovers of self, **lovers** of money....**Lovers** of pleasure rather than **lovers** of God”(2 Timothy 3: 2, 4).

1. Defining love—

2. Matthew 22: 34-40

3. Romans 13: 8-10

4. Using love to battle sexual temptation.

B. A lifestyle of trust/faith in God leads to sanctification

1. Defining faith/trust—

2. Galatians 2:20
3. Psalm 33: 20-22
4. Using vigorous faith to battle worry

C. A lifestyle of proper hope leads to growth

1. Defining hope
2. Watch out for false hopes (I Timothy 4:17, cf. Psalm 33:17-22)!
3. Romans 15: 4-5, 12-13
4. Using proper hope to battle depression or fear

III. Worship as a goal of sanctification

Romans 11:36

Conclusion:

So, what do you do? Worship! Rejoice in, trust, love, hope in, fear, praise, delight in, treasure and do it all over again and again and again.