

## **HEART FOR THE HOUSE: HOUSE OF WORSHIP**

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### **Romans 12:1-2 MSG**

*So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.*

### **Three Things a House Needs:**

1. Foundation

#### **Matthew 7:24-27 NLT**

*“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”*

2. Structure

#### **Acts 1:8 NLT**

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

- **Jerusalem** = Building Strong Families
- **Judea** = Transforming Communities
- **Samaria** = Reconciling Cultures
- **To the Ends of the Earth** = Impacting Nations

### 3. Covering

Worship is an outward expression of our inward condition.

#### **Matthew 2:8-12 NKJ**

*And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and **search** carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." When they **heard** the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they **rejoiced** with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and **worshiped** Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they **presented gifts** to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country **another way**.*

#### **Seven Ways to Become a Better Worshipper:**

1. Search
2. Hear

#### **Romans 10:17 NKJ**

*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

3. Rejoice

#### **Psalms 28:7 NKJ**

*The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him.*

#### 4. Come

##### **Hebrews 10:25 NKJ**

*...not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

#### 5. Worship

##### **James 4:10 NKJ**

*Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.*

#### 6. Give

- **Gold:** This represents our King.
- **Frankincense:** This represents our Priest.
- **Myrrh:** This represents our Savior.
  
- **Time:** This is our service from the heart to Him.
- **Talent:** These are the gifts from the heart He placed within us.
- **Treasure:** These are our tithes and offerings.

##### **Matthew 6:21 NKJ**

*“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

#### 7. Change