



WHY
WORSHIP

John 4:19-26

John 4:20-21 (NKJV)

²⁰ Our fathers **worshiped** on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to **worship.**" ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, **worship** the Father.



John 4:22-24 (NKJV)

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Vain Worship

- **Matthew 15:8-9** 8 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' "

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Romans 1:9 "I serve [or: worship] God in my spirit in the preaching of the Gospel."

Philippians 3:3 Paul says that true Christians

"worship God in the Spirit of God . . . and put no confidence in the flesh."

Romans 12:1 Paul urges Christians to "present your bodies as living and holy sacrifices acceptable to God which is your spiritual worship."





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1. What is Worship?



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To worship is to acknowledge the worthiness of someone or something.



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Praise is the expression we give
to the “worship” we live.

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness..."

Psalm 96:9



“I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”

Rom 12:1 NIV





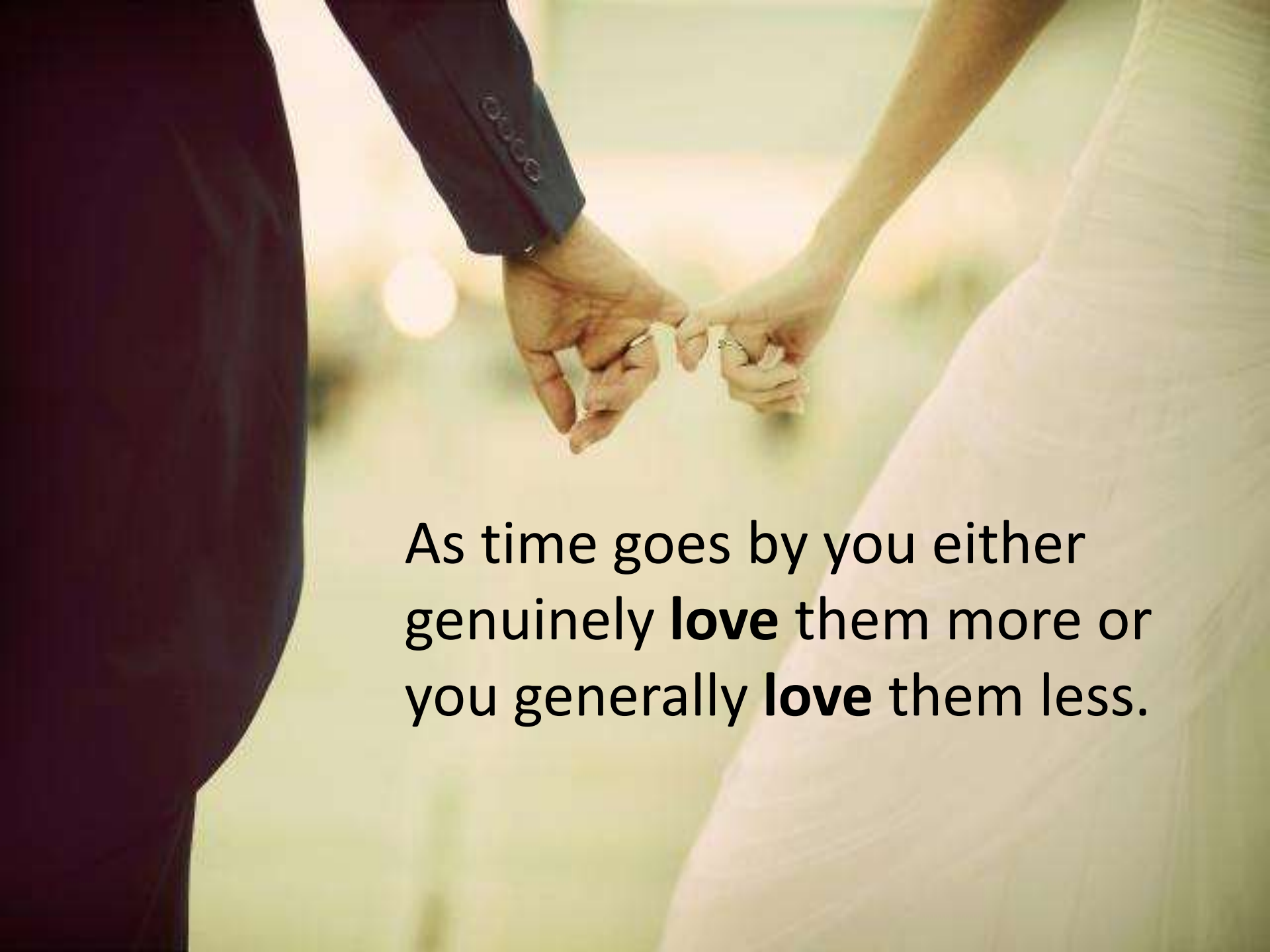
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The essence of true worship is genuineness.

***Worship is to honor with
extravagant love and
extreme submission***

(Webster's Dictionary, 1828)



As time goes by you either genuinely **love** them more or you generally **love** them less.



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Worship is primarily a response.



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2. Why Worship God?



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We do not worship to benefit,
but we do benefit from worship.



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We are better people when we accept that
We are loved and created for a purpose.



Chip Ingram:
Living on The Edge

Fatherlessness is the most harmful demographic trend of this generation. It's the engine driving America's most crucial social problems including crime, adolescent pregnancy, sexual abuse of children and domestic violence against women.

Recent studies show that the father has a profound influence on his children's moral development, self-image and sexual identity.



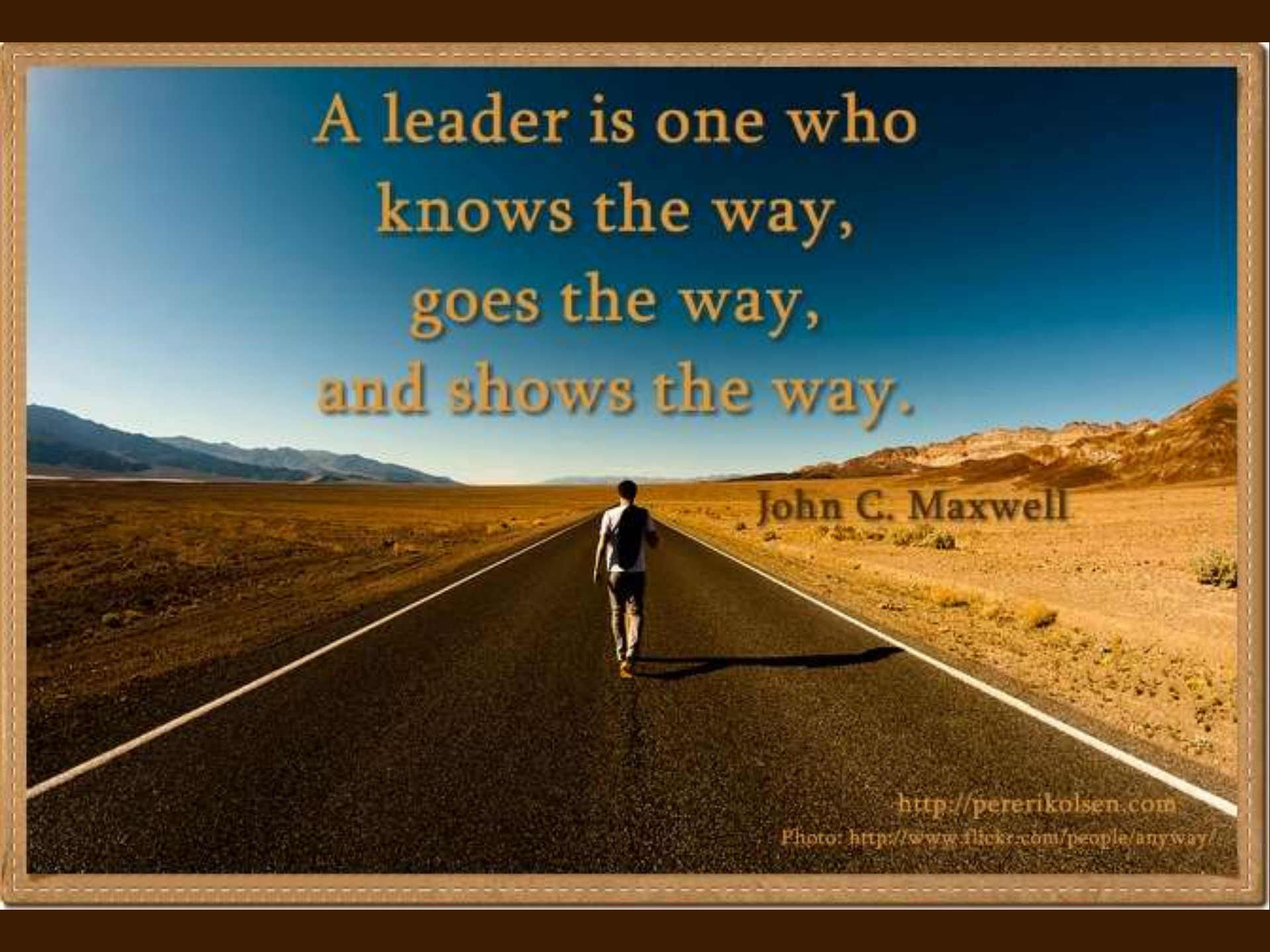
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Kids who grow up with the presence of an engaged, caring and loving father are less likely to live in poverty, get on welfare, go to prison, and get pregnant before they get married.



**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

**Your kids need you!
Your presence and role in your family is vital.**

A photograph of a person walking away from the camera down a long, straight asphalt road that stretches into the distance. The road is flanked by white lines and leads through a vast, arid desert landscape with sparse vegetation and distant mountains under a clear blue sky. The person is wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants, and their shadow is cast on the road.

A leader is one who
knows the way,
goes the way,
and shows the way.

John C. Maxwell

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Praying people, hopeful people, recover quicker from serious injuries, from life's disappointments, from personal failures, etc.





For our benefit..

THE TEN

1. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD. YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND HIM ONLY SHALL YOU SERVE.
2. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN.
3. REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH DAY.
4. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.
5. YOU SHALL NOT KILL.

COMMANDMENTS

6. YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.
7. YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.
8. YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS.
9. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE.
10. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S GOODS.

THE BEATITUDES

- 1) **Blessed are the poor in Spirit**, for there is the kingdom of heaven
- 2) **Blessed are those who mourn**, for they shall be comforted
- 3) **Blessed are the meek**, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 4) **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they shall be satisfy.
- 5) **Blessed are the Merciful**, for they shall obtain mercy
- 6) **Blessed are the pure of heart**, for they shall see God.
- 7) **Blessed are the peace makers**, for they shall be called sons of God.
- 8) **Blessed are those who are persecuted**, for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens.
Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.


Psalm 96:5-6





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3. What does God expect of us?



God doesn't want something from us.
He simply wants us.

- C.S. Lewis
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The essence of true worship is to be one with God.

And **God** is able

TO MAKE **ALL GRACE ABOUND** TOWARD YOU,
that you, **always having all** sufficiency
in **all things,**
may have **an abundance**
FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.

2 Corinthians 9:8

**SET YOUR MIND ON THINGS ABOVE,
NOT ON THINGS ON THE EARTH.**

COLOSSIANS 3:2 (NKJV)



LIVE A LIFE OF THANKFULNESS

**Live in
awe...**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

PSALM 8:3-4

