Pleasing God Through Worship

Introduction: *Anthropologists have told us that worship is a universal urge and that we all have an inbuilt need to connect with God (Ecclesiastes 3:112; Romans 1:19). The Bible says that God "is pleased with those who worship Him" (Psalm 147:11; CEV), and Jesus said, "the Father is looking for those who worship Him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23). Anything we do that brings pleasure to God is an act of worship. Worship is:*

I. _____Knowing God

John 17:3
Exodus 33:12-14; Numbers 12:3 Moses
Psalm 42:1; 27:4; 63:3; Acts 13:22; I Sam.13:14 David
Genesis 32:22-30 Jacob
Genesis 4:1,17; Ephesians 5:32 "know" & "mystery"
Phillipians 3:1-11 Paul

"All my knowledge f God depends on His sustained initiative in knowing me. I know Him because He first knew me, and continues to know me..." (J.I. Packer in Knowing God)

II. _____Praising God

Philippians 2:14&15
Psalm 113:3; 34:1; 119:64; 147:1; 150:1&2,6
Eph.5:19b&20; Col.3:17; I Thess.5:16-19; Acts 16:25&26
Ps. 10:1; 22:1; 43:2; (Heb.13:5 Deut.31:8; Ps.3:28; Jn.14:16)
Romans 8:28

III. _____ Surrendering to God

Micah 6:8; Jam.4:10; I Pet.5:5&6 "God Blesses the Humble"
James 4:6; I Peter 5:5; Proverbs 3:34 "God Hates Pride"
Daniel 4:37 "God Humbles the Proud"
Romans 12:1

"The more we let God take us over, the more truly ourselves we become..... when I give up myself to Christ, I begin to have a real personality of my own."

"The greatness of a man's power, is in the measure of his surrender." (William Booth, Salvation Army)

Luke 1:38; Mark 14:35&36; Matthew 26:39,42

"If you don't surrender to Christ, you will surrender to chaos. (E. Stanley Jones)

II Corinthians 5:9; Philippians 4:13; Luke 9:23

Conclusion: Are you a slave to Christ? Or, are you still holding on to the lordship of your life? (II Corinthians 6:2)