

## Worshipping God in His Temple!

*KJV 1 Corinthians 6:19* What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

As bad as we want to come together and worship, we must **not** forget the church isn't what God considers His Temple, we are!

As 1000's of churches remain silent, the **Temples of God** must ring loud with praise every day!

*KJV Ephesians 5:17* Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

*18* And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

*19* Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

*20* Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As we have often heard down through the years **the mind** is the true battle ground!

We do not fight with **flesh and blood (people)** but **spirits that influence, and seek to control people's thoughts. (Eph 6:12)**

**Strongholds** are (**spirits**) thoughts, ideas, concepts, and false belief systems held in the mind! (**2 Cor 10:4**)

The enemy is constantly attacking our minds through, falsehoods, half-truths **fear, ignorance, and misinformation.**

**This is why we must renew our minds daily!**

*ESV Romans 12:1* I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, **which is your spiritual worship.**

The apostle Paul says **this is our spiritual worship!**

**This is how we worship God in spirit and in truth!** Paul continues...

*2* And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

**Conform** here means allowing the world to control how we think; to shape our minds. It means to follow the pattern laid out by the world.

The apostle Paul who wrote 2/3 of the NT, was caught up into heaven tells us it's **crazy, mad and insane** to think like the world.

**I'm serious, he really says this, not figuratively but literally!**

*KJV Ephesians 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.*

Paul says its **unwise to not** understand what God's will is for your life!

**Unwise** is the Greek word "*aphron*" it means **foolish, stupid, unreasonable, and out of our minds or just plain MAD!**

**Listening to and following the world will make you crazy!**

We keep our composer, keep our selves, families and lives together **by Worshipping God in spirit and in truth!**

**This year has brought so much stress that drug and alcohol usage has soared to new heights.**

**Alcohol sales jumped 55% during the pandemic.**

**The number of drug overdoses increased in Milwaukee 50%**

**Doing these things is UNWISE, they make people lose their composer and lose touch with reality.**

Drugs & alcohol are **spirits** who **invade and alter the mind!**

The improper abnormal use of anything is called **abuse!**

**Improper use of drugs & alcohol is witchcraft!**

Today (**Big Pharma**) is practicing **witchcraft** as big business!

The NT calls it **Phamakeia** in Gal 5, & Rev chapters 9 & 18 it's called **sorcery.**

In fact, in Rev 18:23 the Bible calls **merchants' sorcerers** they are **traders and traffickers!**

This verse calls its political theatre, corporate tricks and deceptive maneuvers used to deceive and ensnare people

**Merchant** comes from two words "*mer*" meaning to "**rub away**" and "*chant*" meaning "**to charm and delight**" through words and song.

Merchants rub away our defenses by **enchantment** and rob us of our valuables! Its nothing short of witchcraft!

They often get people **drunk/intoxicated** with their product so they're **hooked/addicted** have keep coming back to them.

We've just gotta have those shoes or that purse, it's sorcery!

The apostle Paul says this is **madness** and keeps people from knowing the will of God for their lives.

He says **instead of being addicted to merchants and traffickers** having them **constantly in your mind**.

Paul says **keep filling yourself with Holy Spirit**, how **by worshipping** in the spirit and in truth.

**Talking and singing to yourself and others** with **regular songs, hymns** a song of praise to God, **spiritual songs** are songs from our spirit sung to God.

Lastly **making melody in our hearts** to The LORD is creating music in our heart to The LORD.

❖ **This is Worshipping God in His Temple!**

All these things are meditating and worshipping God in spirit & truth!

They keep us from feeling as if we are losing our minds!

**Worshipping God this way stabilizes our hearts and minds!**

**Worshipping God like this keeps us from making bad decisions!**

**Worshipping this way keeps us in the will of God!**

**Worshipping like this maintains our closeness to God!**

*KJV 2 Chronicles 7:1* Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the (temple) house.

Worshipping God in spirit and in truth causes **the temple** (us) to be filled with the glory of The LORD!

**Once we learn to worship God in His Temple when we come together and worship God, the church building will be charged with the glory and power of God!**