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Sunday, January 6, 2013

**PLANNED FOR GOD'S PLEASURE**

(Mark 12:28-31)

Today we begin a new series called *NEXT*. How do you know if you are growing in the areas God wants you to be growing in? This series will challenge us in what is *NEXT*.

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*“You created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created”* (Revelation 4:11, NLT).

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind”* (Matthew 22:37, NIV).

**1. WORSHIP IS FOCUSING MY \_\_\_\_\_ ON GOD.**

**2. WORSHIP IS EXPRESSING MY \_\_\_\_\_ FOR GOD.**

**3. WORSHIP IS USING MY \_\_\_\_\_ FOR GOD.**

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men”* (Colossians 3:23, NIV).

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**1. WORSHIP IS FOCUSING MY ATTENTION ON GOD.**

*“Focusing on yourself is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, and ends up thinking more about self than God” (Romans 8:7, The Message).*

**2. WORSHIP IS EXPRESSING MY AFFECTION FOR GOD.**

*“We love Him, because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19, KJV).*

*“I don't want your sacrifices -- I want your love! I don't want your offerings -- I want you to know me!” (Hosea 6:6, LB).*

*“Give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life” (Romans 6:13, NLT).*

### **3. WORSHIP IS USING MY ABILITIES FOR GOD.**

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