



New International Version is used for questions

1. What do you think it means to have reverence for God? Pastor Rick said it was an attitude of the heart, what do you think he meant? What does it mean to worship God and how does reverence and worship go together?
2. Pastor Rick said that we must not allow our culture to desensitize us. Read 1 John 2:15,16 and Romans 12:2. What do these verses warn us not to do? How does this world pull us away from God?
3. Pastor Rick said that there are things in our lives that should be sacred, what did he mean? What are some of these things?
4. Read Psalm 139:23,24 and Proverbs 21:2. Pastor Rick said that we must allow God to weigh our motives and not just our outcomes, what do you think this means? Do you think God is concerned with why we do things as well as what we do? Why do you think this is so?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 4:1,2. According to this passage, what does God require of those he entrusts things to? What has he entrusted to us? What does it mean to be faithful? Why do you think God requires this as opposed to, say, intelligence? Give some ways that we need to be faithful as Christians. What mind-set does a faithful person have?

Answers

1. *To have reverence means to place such a high value on something that we have an attitude of awe and respect for it. We decide what we will have reverence for and whether we treat God with reverence, so it is much more than a feeling, it is a decision to place God in that position and allow that attitude to affect our lives. Worship is any time you do anything for the purpose of honoring God in your life. Our entire lives should be yielded to God and therefore an act of worship. You will not worship God unless you place him as being the most valuable thing in your life and have reverence for him.*
2. *These passages tell us not to allow ourselves to be influenced and allow our behavior to be dictated by the things in this world, we are not to reverence this world. When we place the things of this world as being the most valuable things to us, then it pulls us away from God and we will not reverence or worship him.*
3. *He meant that the things in our lives that pertain to our worship and service to God should be so important to us that they are more important than any other things in our lives. The time we spend in God's Word and prayer, the time we spend fellowshiping with our brothers and sister, the time we spend in serving others, the way we use our money, the way we treat other people and speak to them, should all be sacred.*
4. *To allow God to weigh our motives and not just our outcomes means to be just as concerned with why we do what we do as what we actually do and the results of those actions. Your motivations reveal the condition of your heart and God is probably more concerned with why you do what you do because that is where your spiritual condition is revealed. Your motives reveal whether you do things because of your relationship with God or for some other reason.*
5. *1 Corinthians 4 tells us that to those God has entrusted spiritual truth to he requires them to be faithful. Faithfulness means to be reliable, to be consistent, to always carry out our responsibilities. God requires faithfulness above everything else because everyone can be faithful, your mental or physical abilities have no bearing on whether you are faithful or not. As Christians we should be faithful in our service to God, it means that we make the decision that no matter how inconvenient it might be at times, we will do what we have said we will do and follow through on all of our commitments that we make to God. Faithfulness is a rare commodity in a world where no one wants to be committed to anything and very few people keep the commitments they make. Jesus said that when we get to heaven the greatest statement that God can make to anyone is, "Well done my good and faithful servant". A faithful person has the mindset that there is absolutely nothing that will prevent them from doing what they have committed themselves to God and to others to do.*