

TO LOVE GOD WITH MY GRATITUDE

To Love/Worship God with my life means to...

#1 Worship Him above, and before, anything or anyone else... To worship Him first.

#2 Worship Him with my Trust.

#3 Worship Him with my Service.

#4 Worship Him with my Obedience.

#5 To worship Him with my Gratitude.

Then God said to Noah, "Leave the boat, all of you—you and your wife, and your sons and their wives. Release all the animals—the birds, the livestock, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—so they can be fruitful and multiply throughout the earth." So Noah, his wife, and his sons and their wives left the boat. And all of the large and small animals and birds came out of the boat, pair by pair.

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and there he sacrificed as burnt offerings the animals and birds that had been approved for that purpose.

And the Lord was pleased with the aroma of the sacrifice and said to himself, "I will never again curse the ground because of the human race, even though everything they think or imagine is bent toward evil from childhood. I will never again destroy all living things." Genesis 8:15-21 (NLT)

HOW TO LOVE GOD WITH MY GRATITUDE... (Lessons from the life of Noah)

STEP #1: By intentionally making it my FIRST priority.

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Our Father who is in heaven hallowed be your name... Matthew 6:9

STEP #2: By intentionally giving back to Him the first portion of the best He has given me...

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best (first-fruits) part of everything you produce. **Proverbs 3:9 (NLT)**

<u>Time</u>... Then Noah Built an altar... (The first of his time)

Talent... Noah Built an altar... (The first of his talents)

<u>Treasures</u>... (Noah) sacrificed as a burnt offering the animals and birds that had been approved for that purpose (clean)... (The first of his treasures)

Going deeper on your own. Read Genesis chapters 6-8 slowly and out loud. Now reread Genesis 8:15-22. Think about what it must have felt like for Noah and his family when they came out of the ark and saw an entirely new world before them. Knowing that this new Earth had been made for them by God, the first thing they did was to express their gratitude to God by holding a worship service. Take out a piece of paper and answer the following questions: How does worshipping God affect our relationship with Him, with the world in which we live, and with those who are closest to us? Have you ever thought about the idea that we are the beneficiaries of Noah's love and gratitude to God? With that in mind, will anyone be the beneficiaries of our love and gratitude to God? Go back and review the message and notes specifically regarding the wealth he has provided to us. In each of the areas listed, write out one thing you can do this week to show your love and gratitude to Him. Now share this with someone and go do it.