

WEEKLY COMPASS



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Too Much or Not Enough

One would be hard pressed to find anything more dynamic than experiencing Sunday morning worship service in a Bible based church steeped in the African American tradition. The sound of the organ playing, the choir singing gospel songs of praise coupled with tambourines and other instruments, just hits the spirit a bit differently. This is not intended to suggest that one form of worship is better than another. However, there is something powerful about being able to enter into a place of worship and know parishioners are free to shout hallelujah (or other words of adoration to our God), stand to their feet (without prompting), and clap or wave their hands in respect to the Most High God. For some, reverencing God means being a bit more closed mouth, pensive, or thoughtful while in a place of worship. In fact, there are individuals who might suggest it doesn't take shouts of praise or waving of hands to worship God, and to engage in such behavior is doing too much.

Public praise and worship to our God is the very least someone can do to show admiration to Him. This is not suggesting that one puts on a show, but is suggesting that to worship God in spirit and in truth is to praise God for who He is, and for what He has done.

Regardless of how long a believer has been saved, one can think back over their life and recall an activity, experience, thought, or deed that honestly was offensive to the Lord. If we are being honest, those offenses might not be too far in the past.

When someone accepts Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, and is walking in the will of God, the sheer thought of being outside of His will ought to stir up feelings of humility and repentance. Sometimes, even on our best day, our righteousness may feel like filthy rags before our Holy God, yet He still loves us. Knowing this ought to humble Christ followers and cause them to sing and shout praises to His name. Knowing all that the Lord has done and continues to do, there is no such thing as "doing too much" as it relates to praising the Lord. Truthfully, one can't praise or worship the Lord enough.

Talking Point(s)

- How do you routinely show gratitude to God for all He has done in your life?
- What praise do you need to offer to the Lord?

Prayer: *Dear Father, thank You for the indescribable love that You show towards us. Thank You for your forgiveness and the grace extended towards us. Lord, may we forever worship You simply because of who You are and whose you are, Amen!*

Sunday School Lesson and Scripture

**God Bring's "Outsiders"
In
Matthew 1:1-16**

Devotional Reading

**God's Grace
Overflowed
1 Timothy 1:12-17**

**Unifying Topic
The Family of Faith**

Main Thought

**The book of the generation of
Jesus Christ, the son of David, the
son of Abraham.**

Matthew 1:1 (KJV)