

WHAT WOULD JESUS UNDO?

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Hollow Worship

¹ Some Pharisees and teachers of religious law now arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus. ² “Why do your disciples disobey our age-old tradition?” they demanded. “They ignore our tradition of ceremonial hand washing before they eat.”

Matthew 15:1-2 (NLT2)

⁷ You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, ⁸ “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁹ Their worship is a farce,....”

Matthew 15:7-9 (NLT2)

How Do We Express Our Worship?

- Sometimes we _____ in worship.

⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Psalms 95:6 (NRSV)

- Sometimes we lift our _____ in adoration.

⁴ I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

Psalms 63:4 (NIV11)

- Sometimes we _____ in celebration.

³ Let them praise his name with dancing. Let them make music to him with tambourines and lyres,

Psalms 149:3 (GW)

- Sometimes we worship with a _____ of praise.

¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

Hebrews 13:15 (NIV11)

- Daily, we lay down our _____ as an act of worship.

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:1 (NIV11)

²⁵ Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! ... ²⁷ Honor and majesty surround him; strength and joy fill his dwelling. ²⁹ Give to the LORD the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come into his presence. Worship the LORD in all his holy splendor.... ³¹ Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice! Tell all the nations, “The LORD reigns!” ³² Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise! Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy!... ³⁴ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. ...” ³⁶ Praise the LORD, the God of Israel, who lives from everlasting to everlasting! And all the people shouted “Amen!” and praised the LORD.

1 Chronicles 16:25, 27, 29, 31-32, 34,-36 (NLT2)

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Memorize or meditate on Psalm 95
- Expand ways that I worship God in and out of church.
- Write a note to God thanking Him for everything He’s done for me. Share the note with others.
- Offer myself to God who is pursuing me and begin to worship Him.