

Worship and Classical Choir

A Heart of Worship

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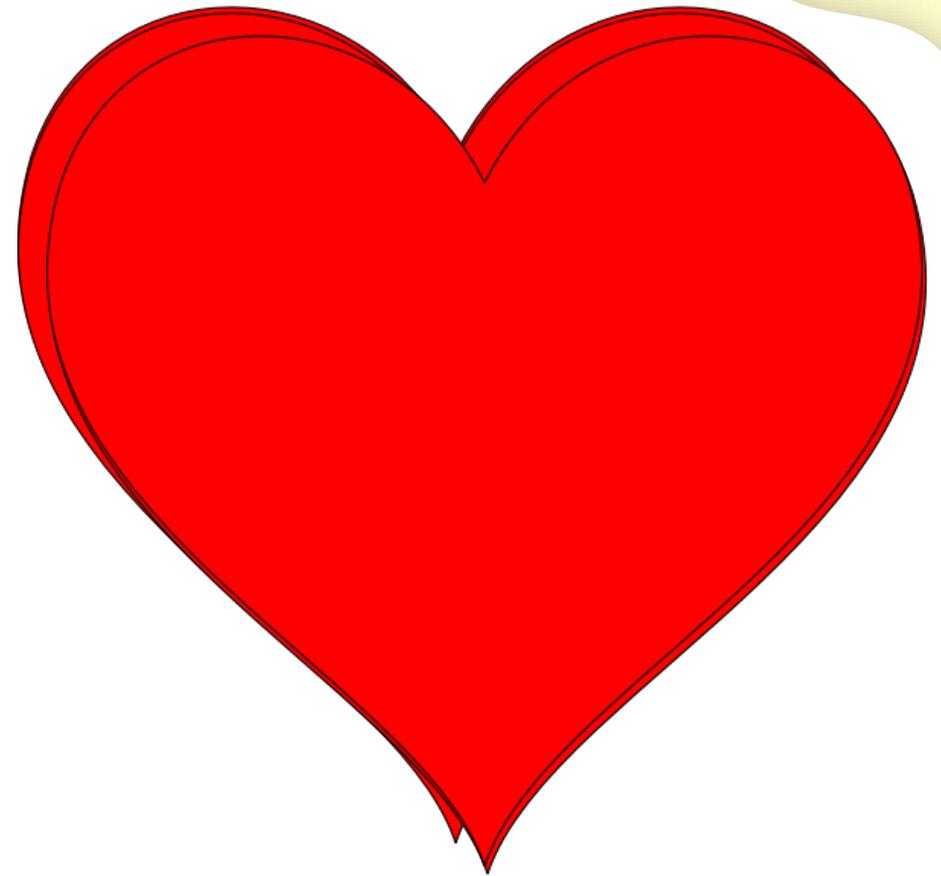
- Have the right attitude towards worship
- Understand God's expectations
- Impart the revelation of true worship to others



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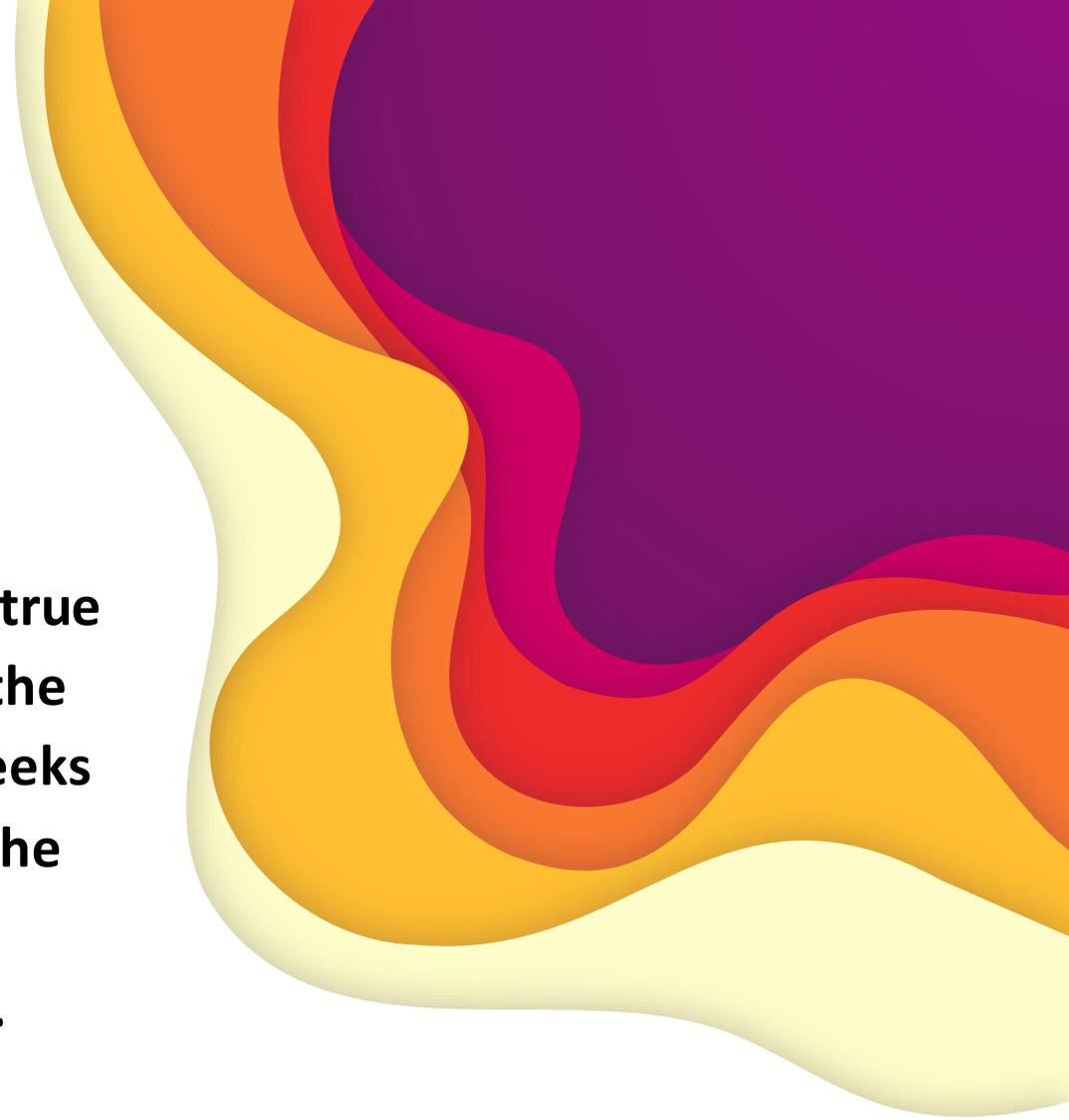
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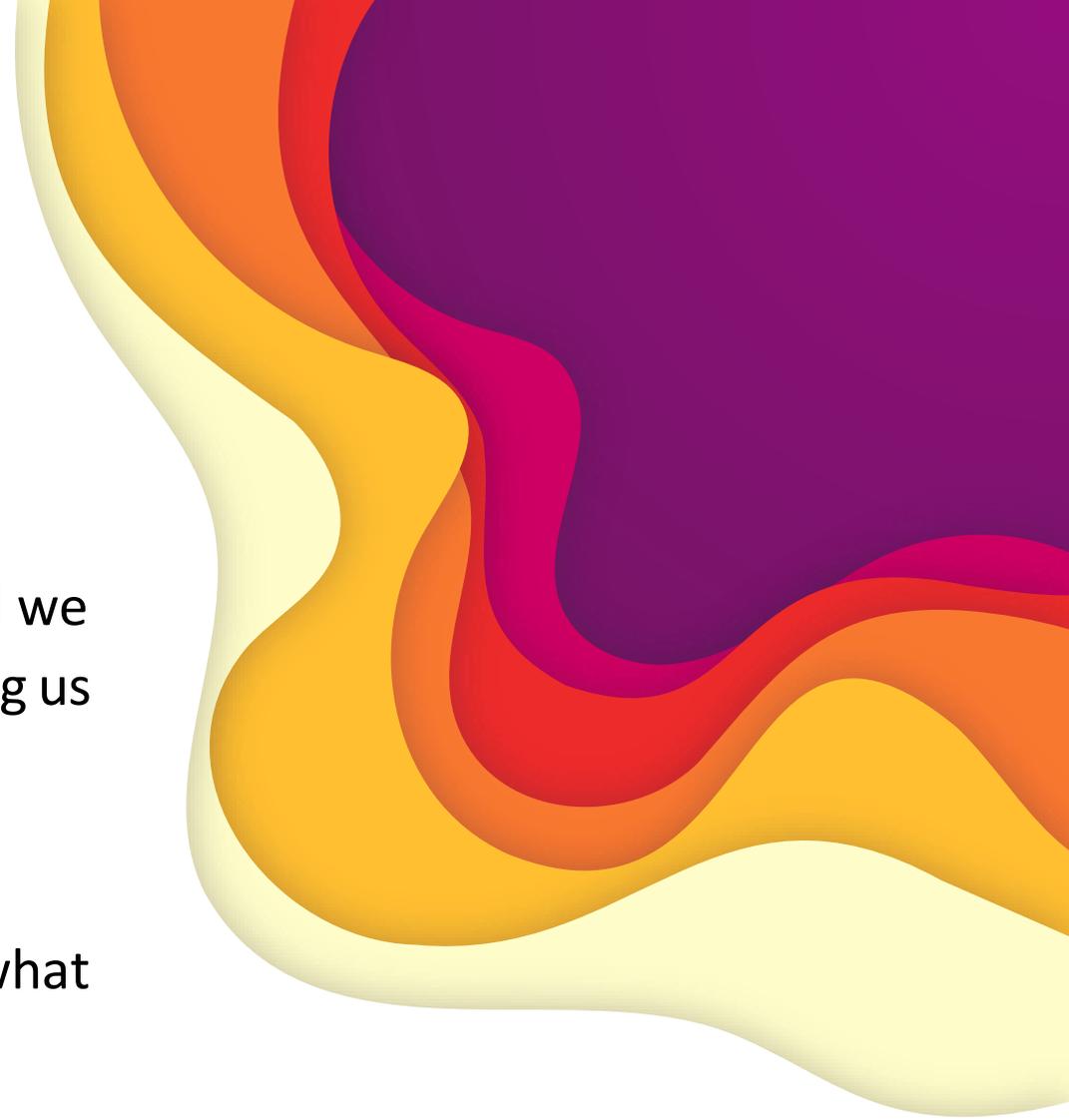
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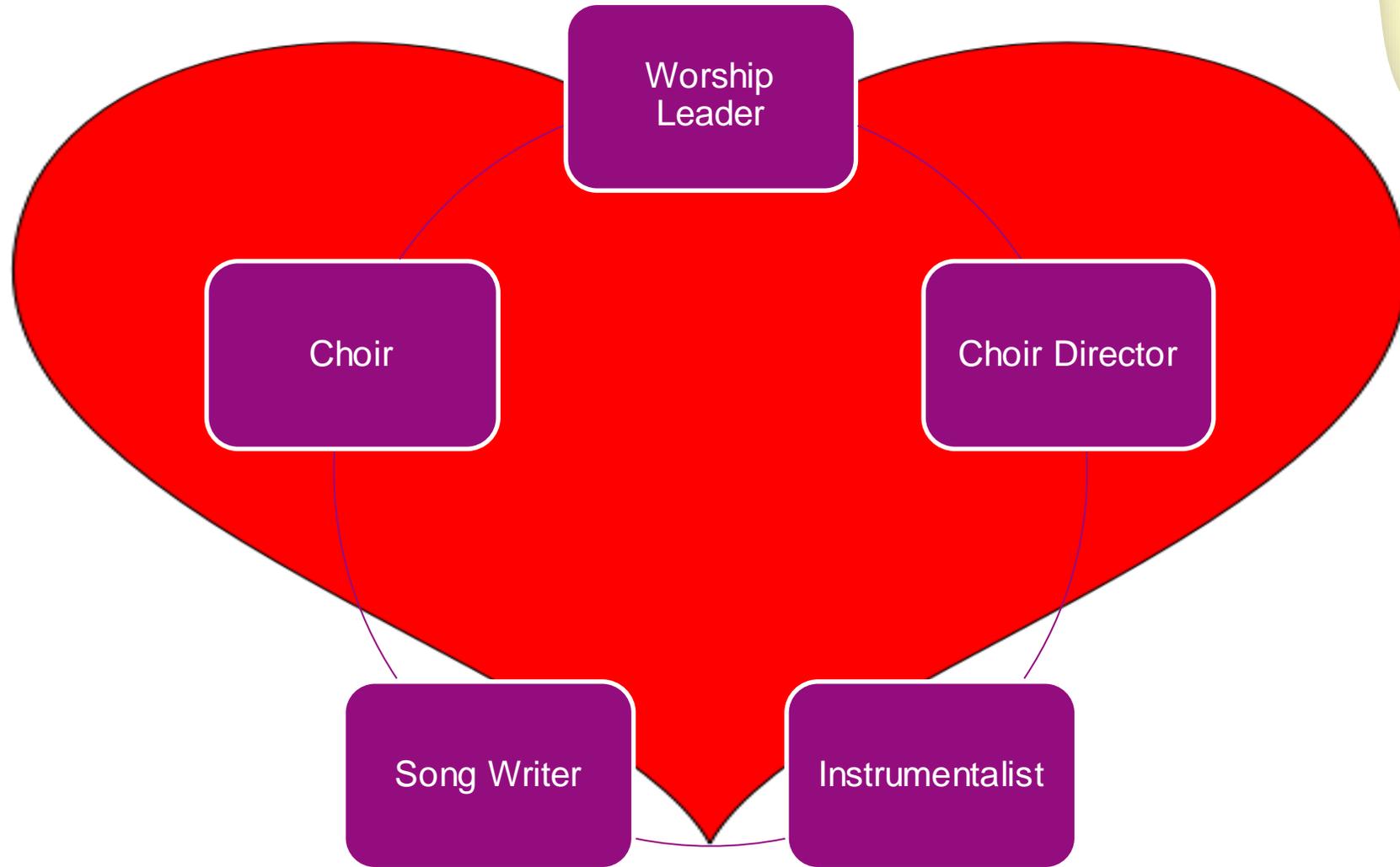
- **But a time is coming and is already here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit [from the heart, the inner self] and in truth; for the Father seeks such people to be His worshipers. ²⁴ God is spirit [the Source of life, yet invisible to mankind], and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. John 4.23-24(AMP)**



A Heart of Worship

- Most of us have been leading worship for years and we know what we are called to do but the Lord is calling us to come up higher
- He wants us to worship from a place of relationship
- He wants us to go beyond what we have learnt to what He is showing us

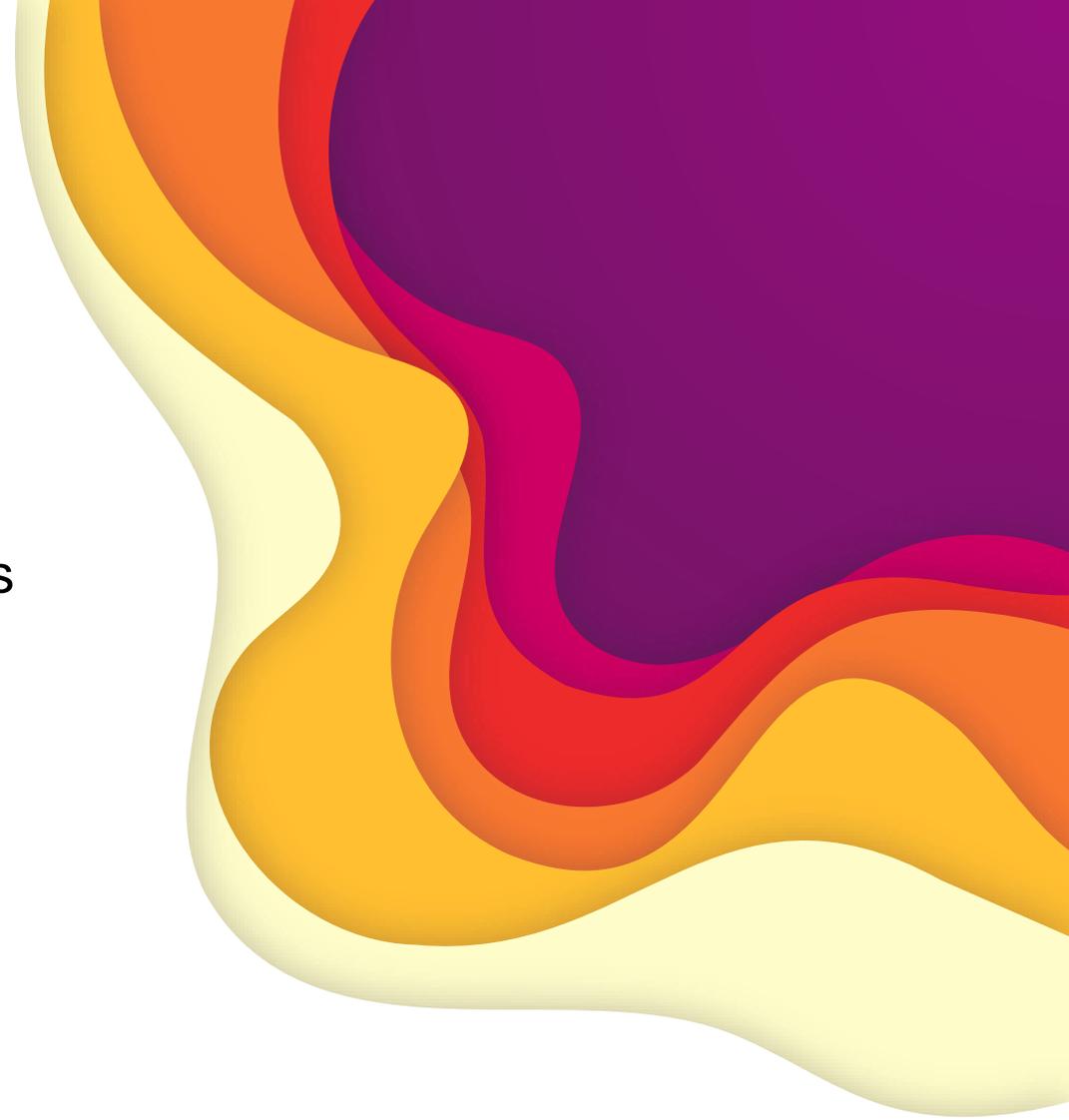




The Heart is the Center of it all

Why a Heart of Worship

- The heart is the vehicle through which God connects with man
- The heart is what gives life to the body therefore the power behind what we do in the natural
- It is through the heart that we receive from heaven
- Choices and decisions are made from the heart
- Both virtue and sin comes from the heart
- It is through our hearts that we can please God
- The enemy is after our hearts as well



What is a Heart of Worship

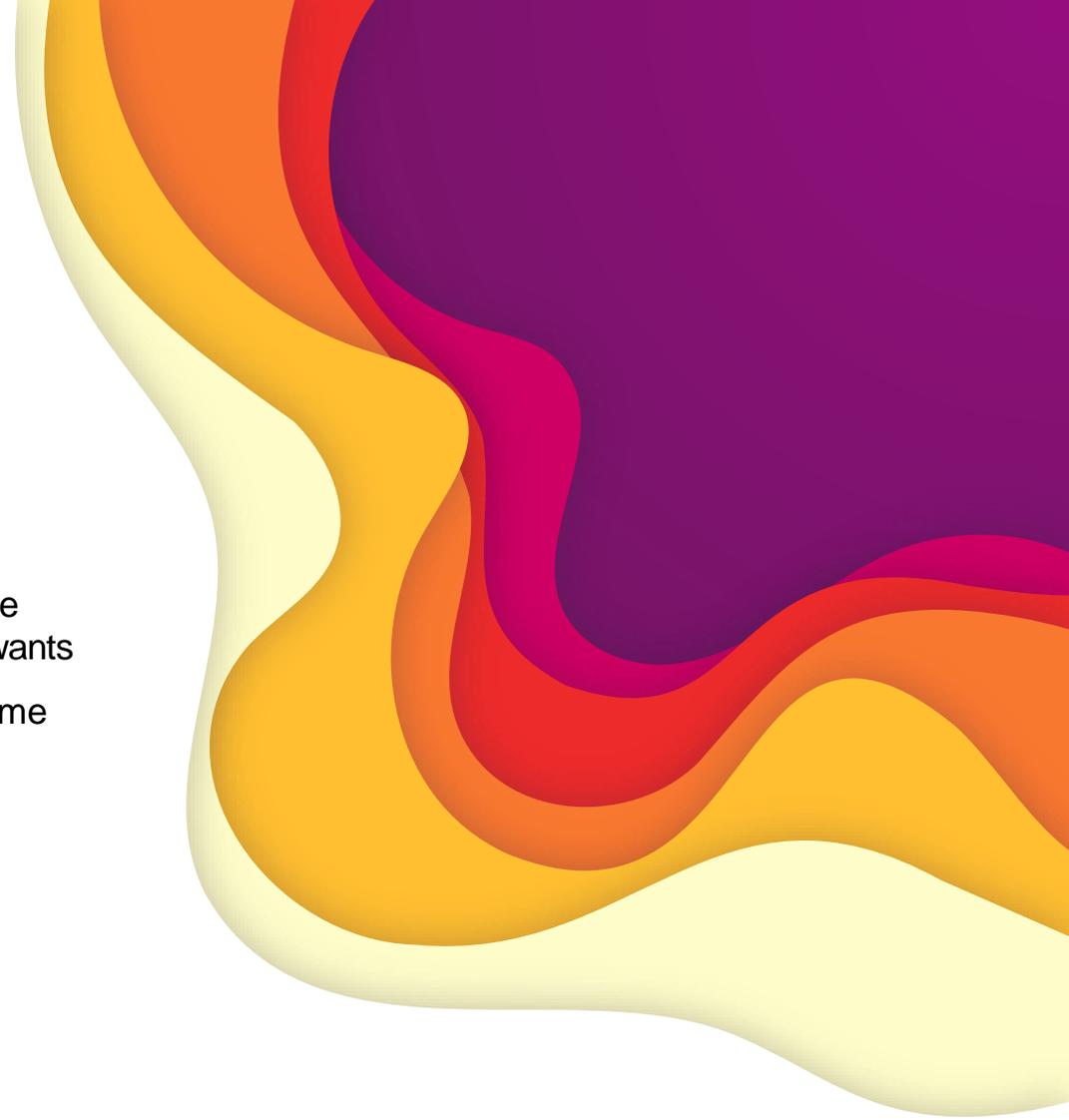
- **And Jesus replied to him, “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ Matt 22.37**
- **And when He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king: of him He testified and said, ‘I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART [conforming to My will and purposes], who will do all My will.’ Act 13.22**

What is not a Heart of Worship

- **The LORD saw that the wickedness (depravity) of man was great on the earth, and that every imagination or intent of the thoughts of his heart were only evil continually Gen 6.5**

What is a Heart of Worship

- A heart that is filled with the word and the love of God
- A heart that is sold out 100% to God. It is no longer what I want but what He wants. It is not the songs I like or the songs that are trending but what He wants
- It is not about what will make me stand out before men but what will make me stand out before God
- One that is intimate with God
- One that can quickly adjust
- A humble heart
- One that fears God rather than men
- A heart that can stand correction
- A heart of reverence to God
- A heart of flesh



How to maintain a Heart of Worship

- **Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it *flow* the springs of life. Prov 4.23 (Amp)**
- We have a responsibility to guard our hearts
- It is a continuous process which must be intentional
- Do you know what is going on in your heart now?
- We may know all the clothes we have in our closets but make assumptions about what is going on in our heart because we have not cared to take stock
- Watching over something or guarding something requires action
- A security man begins his schedule by going round and inspecting what he has to watch over. Otherwise, if anything should go wrong, he will not know

My son, pay attention to my words and be willing to learn; Open your ears to my sayings. ²¹ Do not let them escape from your sight; Keep them in the center of your heart. Proverb 4.20-21

How to maintain a Heart of Worship

- Like a garden where weeds grow on their own, the farmer constantly pulls them out to prevent the plants from being choked. Evil comes to our hearts by reason of living in this world and we have to actively deal with it
- The farmer drives away pests from attacking the plants and so must we drive out anything that tries to contaminate our heart
- It takes effort but as worship leaders we have to do this to remain relevant to Jesus and the body of Christ

How to maintain a Heart of Worship

- If you do not plant the word of God in your heart evil will grow without your permission just as weeds grow without permission
- If you do not pull out the weeds before they mature it will be hard to get rid of them. e.g when bitterness matures it is more difficult to get it out of your heart

How to maintain a Heart of Worship

Inspect your heart and pull out the weeds.....



“The heart is deceitful above all things And it is ^[a]extremely sick; Who can understand it fully *and* know its secret motives? Jerimiah 17.9



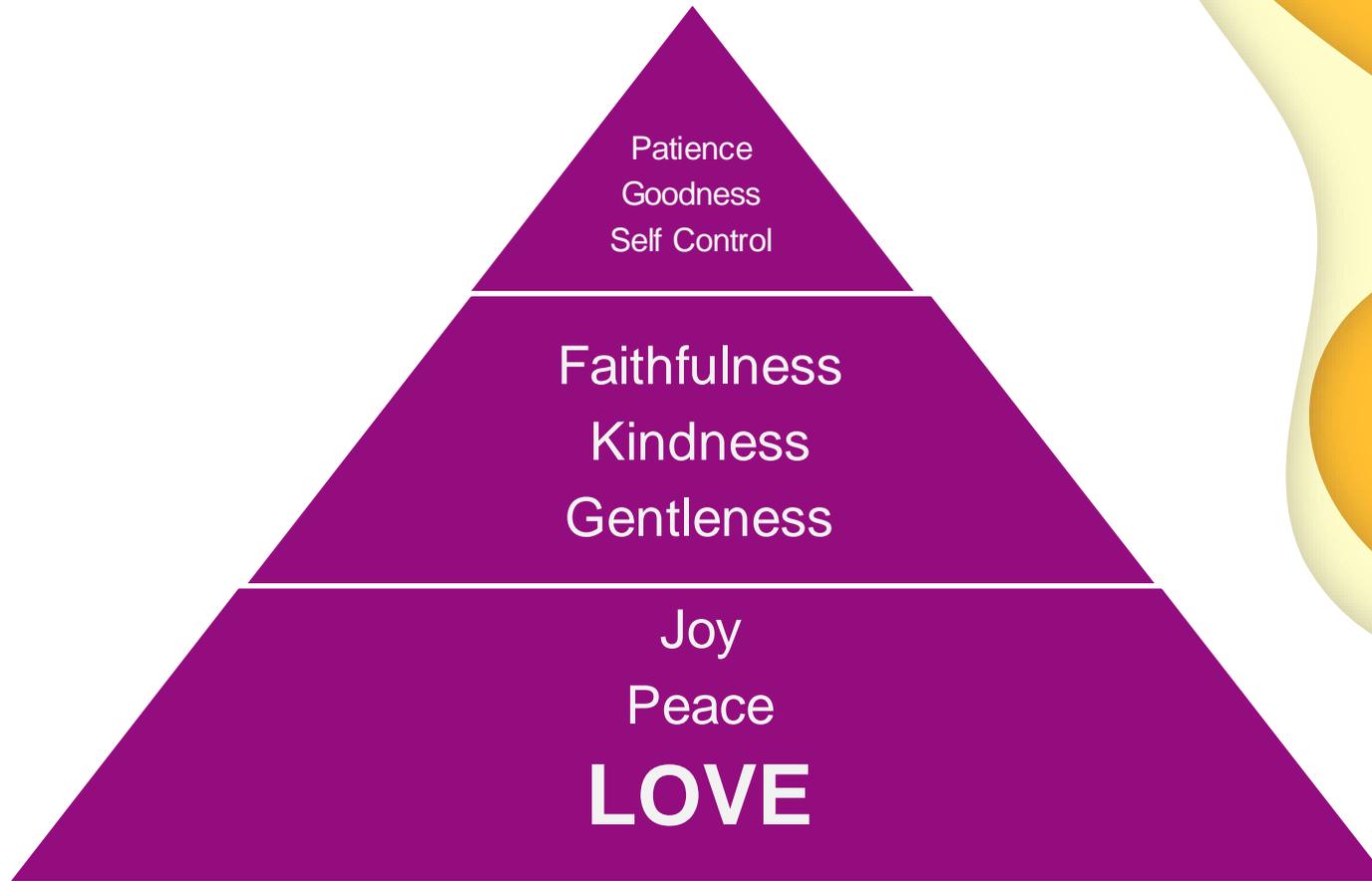
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- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you by shining His light in your heart because the heart is deceitful
- Tell Him the areas you struggle in. Make it plain and don't be ashamed of it because He already knows
- Be willing repent and make immediate changes so that your heart is not seared
- Plead the blood of Jesus over your heart

How to maintain a Heart of Worship

- Be alert and identify the weeds that try to gain root in your heart and pull them out with the word of God
- Anything that tries to preoccupy your mind for too long may eventually be competing for space in your heart and God wants us to love Him with ALL our Hearts
- Even if it is something good, we should not focus on it more than we focus on God
- Constantly meditate on how much God loves you and it will not be difficult respond back to His love

**A Heart of Worship
A Pure Heart....a Heart that is guarded**



Guard the fruit from being destroyed by the weeds



Benefits of a Heart of Worship for the Worship Leader

Whether you are playing an instrument, leading worship, directing the choir, a member of the choir or writing songs the goal is always to honour God and create the space for other people to be drawn to him in worship.

- God's agenda will flow through you
- You will be aligned with heaven
- Your heart will be filled with joy and peace
- You will set the stage for the unadulterated word of God to be preached
- You will create an atmosphere of holiness
- The gifts of the Spirit will be manifested
- The presence of God will drive away evil spirits

Benefits of a Heart of Worship for the Audience

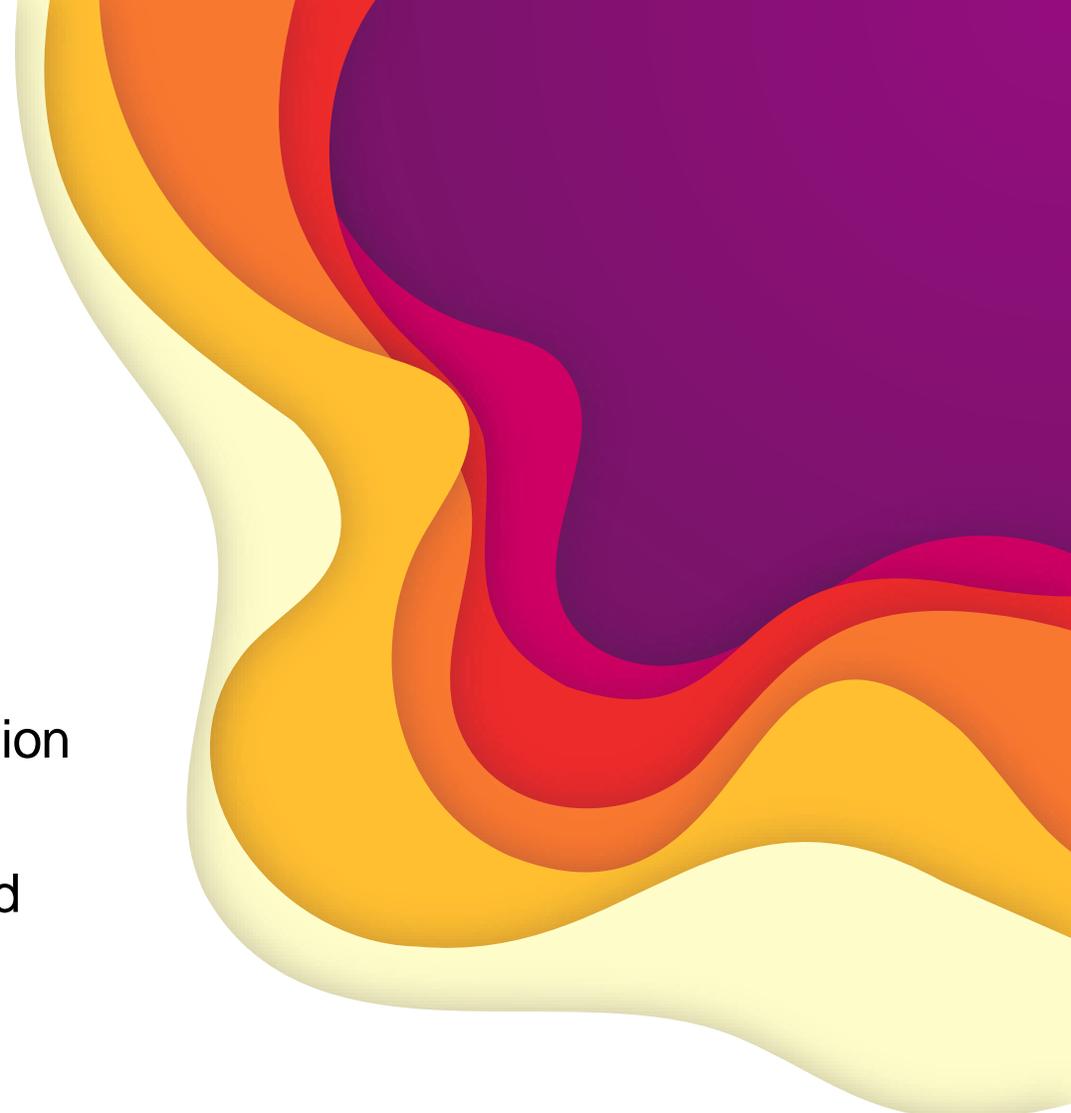
- The right atmosphere is created for the audience to receive from God
- The audience will be impacted by your heart of worship and respond to God's love in worship
- The audience will be focused on the presence of God
- The ministers of God will flow freely in the atmosphere that has been created
- The Spirit of God will not be restricted

Summary

- Take good care of your heart because you are an influencer
- Be willing to receive correction and adjust the condition of your heart
- Fill your heart with the word and the love of God and change your world

- Song: We will sing to the Lord with our spirit

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Questions/Comments?



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