

“Living Generously”

Putting God first

*Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ **and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.** And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’*

Matthew 28:18-20

How shall we respond?

Partially or whole-heartedly?

In everything you do, put God first
Proverbs 3:6

A whole-hearted response to God's love for us

Obeying because we love Him!

So, what is top of Jesus' list?

*Jesus replied: ‘ “Love the Lord your God **with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**” This is the first and greatest commandment.’*

(Matt 22:36-38)

*And God spoke all these words: ‘I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. **You shall have no other gods before me.**’ (Exodus 20:2,3)*

“No other gods before me”

This is not a hierarchy, with God in first place

there are no “places”

“before me” means “in My presence”

**“I will have no
gods in My
presence”**



NO IDOLS

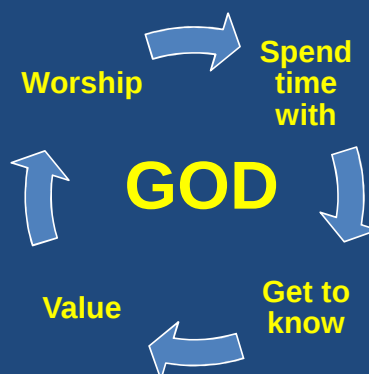
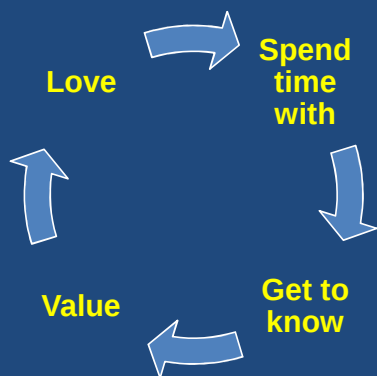
"putting God first" goes right to the heart of ...

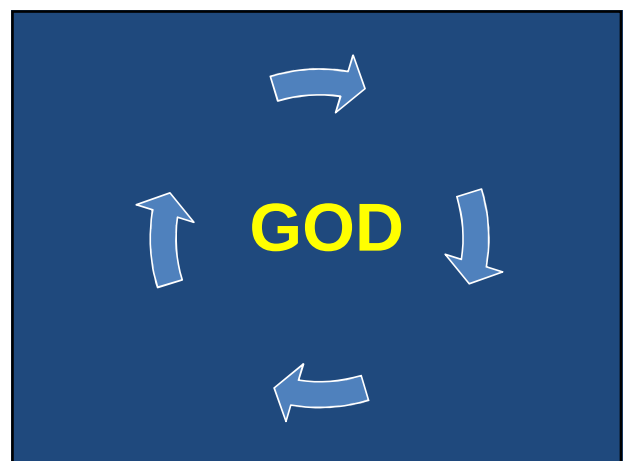
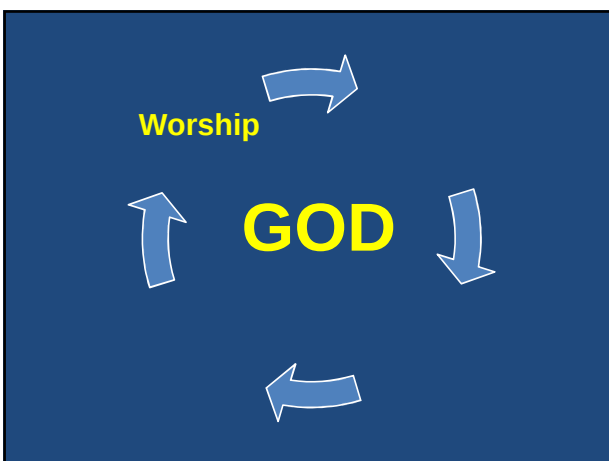
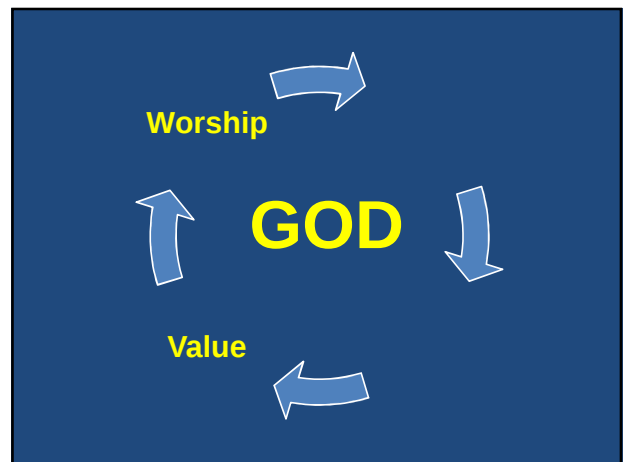
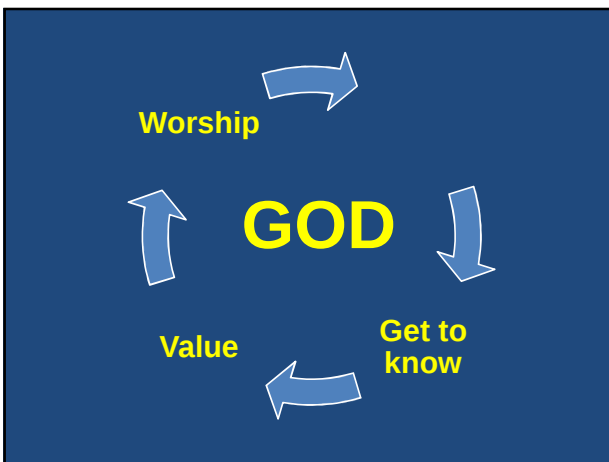
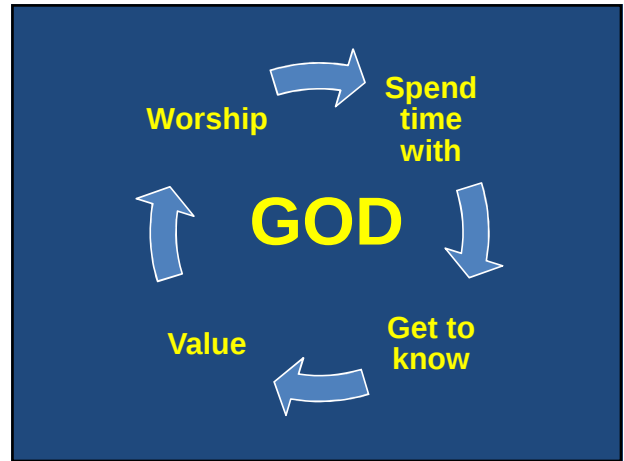
Who or what do I worship?

"Worth-ship" – the value we give to something or someone

"Love, honour and obey"

"Love, honour and worship"





GOD



Who or what we really worship
is shown by
how we answer the call
to worship God

When I have time?

When the family isn't visiting?

When the shopping's done?

When I haven't had a late night on
Saturday?

How do I make time to worship?

Do I fit God round my family?

Do I have to shop on Sunday?

How do I make sure I can get up on
Sunday?

Living generously

means putting God first

**means putting worship
first**