

Introduction

New Year’s resolutions time!

“We envision a church in which: 1) people are inspired to worship God with their whole selves, and 2) a church in which the Word and the Spirit are kept in equal balance.

Scripture John 4:19-24 Jesus meets a Samaritan Woman

Worship in Spirit and Truth

Freedom From Restricting Rules

The Non-Freedom of a Program

A. W. Tozer: “To great sections of the church the art of worship has been lost entirely, and in its place has come that strange and foreign thing called the ‘program’.”

Matt Redman: “Worship is meant to be an encounter, an exciting meeting place where love is given and received in an unscripted manner.”

What Really Matters to God

Joe Horness: “Worship that is not heartfelt and authentic simply does not interest him.”

“These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me” (Isaiah 29:13).

John Piper: “We cannot honor God if our hearts are far from Him. Where feelings for God are dead, worship is dead.”

Psalm 100:2

Psalm 32:11

Freedom Within Boundaries

1 Corinthians 14:26-33, 39-40

Conclusion