

A photograph of a church worship band performing on stage. The background is a warm, orange-red glow with spotlights. In the foreground, a person's silhouette is visible, with their right hand raised high in a gesture of praise or worship. The band members are blurred in the background, some playing instruments like guitars and drums.

# Praise and Worship in the Local Church

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# I. A Pastoral Perspective



A. What is  
Worship?

1) It is the process  
of giving due  
worth and glory  
to God.

“worth-ship”



2) It is the expression of reverence and adoration for God.



The background features a warm, bokeh effect of out-of-focus lights in shades of yellow, orange, and red. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of several hands are raised, palms facing forward, suggesting a gesture of praise or worship. The text is centered over this scene.

B. What is the  
Foundation of  
Worship?

Salvation through  
Jesus Christ  
(Eph. 2:8-10).





C. How do we  
Worship?

In Spirit and in truth  
(John 4:24).





D. Who Leads  
in Worship?

- 1) Spiritually Mature
- 2) Musically Skilled
- 3) Committed
- 4) Family Supported
- 5) Humble Servants





# II. A Practical Perspective



# A. Suggestions for Worship

1) Pray individually  
and as a team.



2) Practice your  
instrument  
faithfully.



3) Come without your  
own agenda.



4) Watch your keys...  
Do not be too  
high or low for  
the congregation.



5) Listen, listen, listen.  
(i.e., to the Holy  
Spirit, the leader,  
others).



6) Understand  
the Content.  
(i.e., man to man,  
man to God,  
and God to man).



7) Keep your  
eyes open.  
(i.e., our eyes  
are like windows  
into our soul,  
don't miss a cue).



8) Know the material  
(i.e., words,  
flow, tone, etc.).



9) Make sure you are spiritually ready to lead others in worship (i.e., pure and joyful heart).



10) Have a  
uniform look.



11) Don't have  
“down time.”



12) Stay engaged  
to the music leader.



13) Acknowledge  
your weaknesses  
and cultivate  
humility.



14) Lead with  
passion.




# B. Quotes



1) “Worship is  
a tool in the  
hand of God.”



A vintage microphone on a stand is positioned on the right side of the image. The background is a warm, orange-brown gradient. The text is overlaid on the left and center of the image.

2) “It’s not perfection that God seeks, it’s passion. He already knows perfection.”

3) “People seek  
after an  
experience  
rather than  
seeking after  
God.”  
– Rick Warren



4) “Praise teams  
are usher teams...  
come with me  
and let’s bless  
the Lord  
together.”



5) “Failure to  
worship is  
a form of  
spiritual  
adultery.”



