

"But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. [24] "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (Jn 4:23-24).

Now these things happened as examples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as they also craved. [7] And do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO PLAY" (1Cor 10:6-7).

I have put the two passages above together to show that I think they are mutually exclusive! In the one context Jesus speaks ever so seriously about worship. He makes the undeniable point that Father is looking for people who will truly worship as He desires to be worshipped. The other text shows what happens when people enthrone entertainment.

A very disturbing trend is now seen in many churches across the land. In an effort to attract people to their congregation they have substituted an entertainment form of worship for true worship. I believe that entertainment and worship are mutually exclusive.

It is not a sin to be entertained. I enjoy reading a good book, going to ball game, watching TV, even seeing a movie now and then. But when it comes to worship that is an entirely different matter. Worship is my showing of praise, love, and obedience to my heavenly Father. I do not desire to be entertained when I worship, rather I want to adore God.

May we never be guilty of substituting entertainment for true worship.

See you Sunday!

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