



Daily Verse and Comment

[John 4:24](#)

(24) God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

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The second commandment deals with *how* we worship. The worship of [God](#) involves the totality of life, and thus we cannot confine it to a particular location or concentrated in a mere hour or two on a given day.

Our focus in worship should be on imitating Him in the totality of life. We are to use no material aids in doing this because no one can capture in a work of art what God is. God wants us to concentrate on what He is, not on what He looks like. However, given human nature's powerful attraction to the physical and material, it is difficult for a person to renounce their dominance over his life. A person's first step backward from conversion is often to become grudgingly willing to share time and energy that should go to God with someone or something else.

When asked what the first and great commandment of the law is, [Jesus](#) replied, quoting [Deuteronomy 6:5](#), "You shall [love](#) the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" ([Matthew 22:37](#)). Anything less will affect the quality of our worship. This is a high pinnacle to reach for, requiring a lifetime of growth in [wisdom](#), knowledge, understanding, and character built by overcoming [the world](#), the flesh, and the Devil.

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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