

Praise the L-O-R-D

Text: Hebrews 13:15

Christians can offer praise to God in the following ways:

I. L-ove the Lord

..... Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart... soul ... strength... mind" (Luke 10:27).

- A. Millions of people are involved in seeking temporal pursuits. They love material possessions more than they love God.
- B. Many are thankless and self-centered. They profess to love God but seldom praise Him.
- C. To truly love God, we must praise Him, giving Him first place in our lives.

II. O-hey the Lord

"Make you perfect in every good work to do his will (Heb.13:21).

- A. It is one thing to know God's will but another to do His will. We must obey Him in every good work to do his will" (Heb. 13:21).
- B. Many Christians try to please other people rather than to obey God. Their motives are selfish.

III. R-ejoice in the Lord

"Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy (Ps.32:11).

- A. Many Christians fail to rejoice in the Lord as they should. They take themselves too seriously.
- B. Some Christians are negative. They see all the bad things and miss the good things.
- C. Praising the Lord will help us to be glad and rejoice in Him.

IV. D-epend on the Lord

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Prov. 3:5).

- A. Many Christians do not completely trust in the Lord. They depend on their own poor powers and fail.
- B. Many depend on other people - doctors, lawyers, friends. Others depend on money, houses, cars, lands.
- C. We must depend on God more than on anything or anyone else. To truly depend on Him, we must praise Him.