

## 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.