

Abound In Kingdom Praise

2019 is our year and our place of abundance and because we understand this truth from the Father we will function accordingly. We will begin by generously, lavishly, bountifully, plenteously, praise our God because He is worthy of every praise. As you abound in praises unto Him, expect to be praised as well because you are made in His image and likeness.

Our goal is to help you abound in Christ-like qualities as your lifestyle and one way to do so is to emphasize the Kingdom Lifestyle. Living the Kingdom lifestyle should be the desire of every child of God because that is what Jesus came on earth to emphasize.

How can we offer these praises and sacrifices of praise to our King? We will look at some ways on how to do so. Here is our guarantee to you – The Lord has crowned this year with a bountiful harvest; and even the hard pathways will overflow with abundance (Psalm 65:11 (NLT)). Join us on this journey as we expound on the details of Kingdom praise for His glory. Amen.

1) What Is Kingdom Praise?

“**Kingdom**” can simply be defined as God’s ways of doing things. An acceptable lifestyle by the King. The Kingdom Lifestyle was exemplified by Jesus Christ while ministering on earth. He used several parables to communicate the lifestyle of the Kingdom. Jesus’ ministry on earth was centered around revealing the Kingdom Lifestyle. He often mentioned in His parables this phrase “the Kingdom of God is like...”, (Matthew 18:23; Matthew 20:1a, etc.) referring to an acceptable lifestyle by the King.

“**Praise**” can be defined as the expression of appreciation, admiration and approval of a person or of a thing. It is acceptable to praise both God and Man. God is praised as creator and Man is praised because man is created in the image of God (which longs for praises). Giving thanks is synonymous with praise.

Therefore, “**Kingdom Praise**” is simply the “*Spirit led*”, “*truthful*”, “*intentional*”, and “*knowledgeable*” expression of appreciation, admiration and approval of all that God does for you, in you and through you for His glory using every available means such as

talking, singing, dancing, clapping, etc. It has a component of appreciation of the past (what He had done) and the future (what He will do).

- Kingdom Praise is “*spirit led*” because, it can be done anytime, anywhere. It is not restricted by location or environmental factors (At the slightest prompting of the Spirit to praise, we should praise).
- Kingdom praise is “*truthful*” because, it a ***genuine*** expression of appreciation admiration and approval of all that God does for you, in you and through you.
- Kingdom praise is “*intentional*” because, it is a conscious act, not a passive one. It is done on purpose, for specific reasons. It is not verbalization of idle and meaningless words.
- Kingdom praise is “*knowledgeable*” because it done with understanding. A person who understands why they praise, will offer more effective praises to the one being praised.

“**Kingdom Praise**” is direct communication to the one whom you intend to praise. The communication is best when done using the “present tense”, and well received if and when done authentically.

“**Kingdom Praise**” is the preferred (because it is the type of praise the Father is seeking for) and necessary (because it is our act of obedience to His word) lifestyle of a Kingdom citizen. Kingdom Praise is most effective through someone who has a fellowship relationship with the Father.

2) Who /What Praises?

Man Praises

Psalms 103:1 (NKJV) – “Bless the LORD, ***O my soul, And all that is within me,*** bless His holy name.”

If you fall under the category of man, you ought to praise God. The soul is made up of the mind, the will and the emotion. Apart from your soul, is your body and your spirit man. During praises, engage every aspect of your soul, your body and your spirit in order to offer your best praises to God.

Psalms 67:3, 5 (NIV) – “May *the peoples praise you*, God; may all the peoples praise you.

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Psalms 117:1 (NLT) – “Praise the LORD, *all you nations*. Praise him, all you people of the earth.”

NB: (A nation is defined as, a large aggregate of people united by common descent, history, culture, or language, inhabiting a particular country or territory (online dictionary))

The Godly and the Righteous

A godly person is simply one who reverences (fears) God. One who lives according to His principles. Why is it fitting (becoming) for the godly/righteous to sing for joy to the Lord? This is because your lifestyle as Kingdom Citizen is incomplete without praises to God. Your life will not be pleasing to Him if you do not invest time in praising Him.

Psalms 33:1 (NLT) – “Let *the godly sing for joy to the LORD*; it is fitting for the pure to praise him.”

Psalms 30:4 (NLT) – “*Sing to the Lord, all you godly ones!* Praise his holy name.”

Psalms 64:10 (NLT) – “*The righteous will rejoice in the LORD* and take refuge in him; all the upright in heart will glory in him!”

Psalms 32:11 (NLT) – “So rejoice in the LORD and be glad, all you who obey Him! *shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure!*”

The Trustworthy

Psalms 63:11b (NLT) – “...All who trust in Him will praise Him...”

Your trust in God drives away fear. Your trust in God is an expression of your faith in Him. Your trust in God is your expression of dependence upon Him. Therefore, if you fear no one, but Him, if you have faith in no one but him and if you solely depend on Him, you will have every reason to praise Him.

Everything on Earth / The Whole World

Psalms 66:1 (NLT) – “*Shout joyful praises to God,* all the earth.”

There are so many things on earth (the inhabitants of the earth and the produce from the earth). The earth is commanded to praise God through its manifestations. The earth was created for a purpose and when the earth fulfills its purpose in every given area, it is the earth’s way of praising God.

Psalms 66:4 (NLT) – “*Everything on earth* will worship you; *they will sing your praises,* shouting your name in glorious songs.”

Psalms 66:8 (NLT) – “Let *the whole world bless our God and loudly sing His praises.*”

Psalms 148:1-14 (NLT)

3) Why Kingdom Praise?

Command

1 Chronicles 16:28 (GNB) – “*Praise the Lord,* all people on earth, praise his glory and might.”

Notice, it is not a suggestion but a command.

Deuteronomy 10:21 (GNT) – “*Praise him* - he is your God, and you have seen with your own eyes the great and astounding things that he has done for you.”

Worthy/Deserving

Psalms 18:3 (NIV) – “I called on the LORD, *who is worthy of praise*, and he saved me from my enemies.”

Psalms 48:1a NLT – “How great is the LORD, how *deserving of praise*,”

Psalms 145:3 (NLT) – “Great is the LORD! *He is most worthy of praise!* No one can measure His greatness.”

An attempt to praise someone who is not worthy of praise, is flattery and deception.

Creation Praises Him

Psalms 19:1-4 (NIV) – “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.”

Creation has a way of praising God through the excellence of its manifestation of the glory of God.

We Reverence Him

Psalms 22:23 (NIV) – “*You who fear the LORD, praise him!* All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel.”

God’s Preferred Habitat

Psalms 22:3 (NIV) – “But you are holy, *you who inhabit the praises of Israel.*”

His presence is tangible in an atmosphere of praise. Grumpiness, sadness, complains, etc. cannot harbor His presence. Praises do.

Access/ Password

Psalms 100:4 (NIV) – “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”

Psalms 100:4 (MSG) – “Enter with the password: ‘Thank you!’ Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Thank him. Worship him.”

Joy Is Full (Fullness of Joy)

Psalms 16:11 (NIV) – “You make known to me the path of life; *you will fill me with joy in your presence,* with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”

Your joy is full when you praise Him. Joy is the by-product of dwelling in His presence of praise. You become joyful because you praise. You do not praise because you are joyful. Otherwise, the Bible will not often refer to praises as “sacrifice of praise”.

It Is Good

Psalms 54:6 (NKJV) – “I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you; *I will praise your name, LORD, for it is good.*”

It is not only good to praise God. It is a godly thing to do and it is the right thing to do.

His Promises

Psalms 56:10 (NLT) – “I praise God for what He has promised; yes, I praise God for what He has promised.”

Many people have not seen the tangible manifestations of His promises in their lives. Some have experienced fulfillment of His promises in their lives. Irrespective of the category we find ourselves, we ought to praise Him. We praise Him for what He had done, what he is doing and what He plans to do.

For Unfailing Love and Enduring Faithfulness

Psalms 117:2 (NLT) – “For his unfailing love for us is powerful; *the LORD’s faithfulness endures forever.* Praise the LORD!”

Psalms 138:2b (NLT) – “I praise your name for your *unfailing love and faithfulness;* for your promises are backed by all the honor of your name.”

For Answered Prayers

Psalms 118:21 (NKJV) – “I will praise you for *you have answered me,* and have become my salvation.”

4) Whom Do We Praise?

1 Kings 8:56 (NIV) – “Praise be to *the LORD,* who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses.”

Psalms 98:5 (NLT) – “Sing your praise to *the LORD* with the harp, with the harp and melodious song,”

Psalms 99:3 (NLT) – “Let them praise your great and awesome name. Your name is Holy!”

Never again should we be confused about whom to praise. Our praises should always be directed to the Lord. There are many scriptures that specifically tell us to praise the Lord.

5) When Should We Praise?

At all times / continually

Psalms 34:1 (NLT) – “*I will praise the LORD, at all times.* I will constantly speak his praises.”

Ephesians 5:20 (NIV) – “*Always giving thanks* for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;”

Seek every opportunity to talk about Him everywhere you go, in all that you do; without ceasing.

When we experience His wonders

Psalms 31:21 (NIV) – “Praise the Lord for he has shown me the wonders of his unfailing love. He kept me safe when my city was under attack.”

Psalms 66:20 (NLT) – “Praise God who did not ignore my prayer or withdraw His unfailing love from me.”

When you experience the goodness of God, your testimony to Him and to the body of Christ can be done through your expression of praise unto God.

Upon Invitation

Psalms 34:3 (NLT) – “**Come**, let us tell of the LORD’s greatness; let us exalt his name *together.*”

Not every invitation should be turned down. Some invitations are genuine calls for celebration and praises unto the Most High God for all He has done.

When in Distress/ Facing Challenges

Phillipians 4:6-7 (NKJV) – “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, *with thanksgiving*, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Praises to God is not reserved for the joyful only. In his presence is fulness of joy. Therefore, when you praise Him in the midst of anxiety, distress and challenge, you can be sure that those concerns will flee away.

6) Where Should We Praise

Among People

1 Chronicles 16:8 (NIV) – “Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples.”

Psalms 57:9 (NLT) – “I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.”

Psalms 108:3 NLT – “I will thank you, LORD, among all the people. I will sing your praises among the nations.”

Your praises to God should not be reserved only for your secret place or your quiet time with Him alone. It should be done publicly sometimes. Not just in an open space but also among people. Meaning, they should hear you talk about your God. They may possibly get to know Him through your praises of Him, in their midst.

In A Worship Center (A building, dedicated for that purpose)

Psalms 27:6 (NIV) – “And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore, will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.”

Everywhere

Psalms 103:22 (CEB) – “All God's creatures, bless the LORD! Everywhere, throughout his kingdom, let my whole being bless the LORD!”

7) Timeframe of Praise

Let the sound of rejoicing fill your mouth and the atmosphere of your dwelling.

Timeframe is a period of time (a specified period of time in which you plan to praise).

Forever – Psalms 52:9 (NLT)

“I will praise you forever, O God, for what you have done. I will trust in your good name in the presence of your faithful people.”

Psalms 145:1 (NLT) – “I will exalt you my God and my King, and praise your name forever and ever.”

There truly is no starting point/time and end-time of praise. Let your entire being abound in praises to God.

As Long As I Live - Psalms 63:4a (NIV)

“I will praise you as long as I live,”

Praise everywhere and every time, ‘until the end’.

8) Time of Praise

The hour of day

Anytime

Every Morning - Psalms 59:16 (NIV) – “But I will sing of your strength, in the morning (every morning (NLT)) I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.”

At Dawn (Sunrise, daybreak) – Psalms 108:2b (NLT) “... I will wake the dawn with my song.”

Morning and Evening – Psalms 92:1-3 (NLT) – “It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to the Most High. It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning, your faithfulness in the evening.”

At Midnight – Psalms 119:62 (NLT) – “I rise at midnight to thank you for your just regulations.”

Seven times a day – Psalms 119:161 (NLT) – “I will praise you seven times a day because all your regulations are just.”

9) Obstacles to Kingdom Praise

By obstacles, we refer to the things that stand in the way of your praises unto him.

Lack of confidence in God

Psalms 57:7 (NLT) – “My heart is confident in you, O God; my heart is confident. No wonder I can sing your praise.”

Psalms 108:1 (NLT) – “My heart is confident in you, O God; No wonder I can sing your praises with all my heart.”

Lack of understanding about praise

Disobedience

Selfishness

Praise can be likened to giving. Occasionally, we see in the word of God phrases like, “Give thanks”. The emphasis is on “give”. Selfish people do not like giving, talk less of giving thanks to God. Selfishness is an obstacle to praise.

Another expression of selfishness is the tendency of focusing on the challenges that come our way. When we focus on the challenges, the challenges become obstacles to our praise.

Family, we should not allow anything to get in the way of our praise.

10) Results of Praise

-Joy

Isaiah 12:3 (NIV) – “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.”

Psalms 16:11 (NIV) – “You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”

-Peace

Phil 4:6-7 “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and *the peace of God*, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

-Victory

Acts 16:25-30

2 Chronicles 20:1-30

When the armies declared war on Jehoshaphat, he prayed to the Lord and he received a word from the Lord reassuring him that he and his men will win the battle. What did Jehoshaphat and his men do? They worshipped God. In verse 19, we are specifically told that ... “the Levites from the clans of Kohath and Korah stood to praise the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud shout.” I will like us to see that all these actions (of prayer, worship and praise) took place before the battle. So, family the result of praise is victory. Praise your way into your victory. In Jesus name. Amen.

Psalms 18:46-50

-Atmosphere Changes

Praises to God changes the atmosphere of our lives and your environment. You are better able to harbor His tangible presence as a result of our praises to Him.

11) Myths Vs. Truths of Praise

-“Praise” is gender oriented. Not true; both men and women should praise God equally.

The bible says in psalms 67:12 “May *the peoples praise you*, God; may *all the peoples praise you*.” Clearly, praise is not gender oriented. Both male and female fall under the category of people. Therefore, let us all praise Him. Amen.

-“Praise” is joy and happiness. Incorrect. Joy and happiness are byproducts/results of praise. That is why praise is sacrificial. You do not necessarily have to be happy or joyful to praise. However, when you do praise, you will be happy and full of joy.

-“Praise” is locational. Not so; praise everywhere. Praise is spirit led. Meaning it can be done anywhere.

-“Praise” is dancing, clapping, and singing only. Far from the whole truth – beyond dancing, clapping, and singing, praise can be expressed as a lifestyle (a lifestyle of excellence; a lifestyle of giving, etc.).

-“Praise” in public only/ praise in private only. Not true because we should praise everywhere, every time and anytime. Motive is everything in praise. Kingdom praise is unto God alone.

-“Praise” is for those whose walk with Him is perfect. Not true as there is no perfect person. Nevertheless, there are people who live excellent lives, daily, for His glory. Praise will get you closer to being excellent than not praising at all.

12) Benefits of Kingdom Praise (Mysteries of kingdom praise)

Kingdom Praise has many benefits. Kingdom Praise benefits our heavenly Father. When we praise,

- Our God is exalted. When we praise God, the emphasis and focus of the praise is on Him and as a result, He is exalted.
- Our God is pleased. God is always pleased when we live in obedience to Him and our praises to Him is our act of obedience unto Him.

13) Types of Kingdom Praises

Noiseless Praise

Psalms 19:1-4 NIV – “The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known *They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard.* Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world.”

There is no reasonable living person who has not noticed the effect of the sun, the moon, the stars, etc. This is because, these features are busy glorifying God by doing what they were created to do for His glory, and man benefits in the process.

Public Praise

Psalms 26:12 (NLT) – “Now I stand on solid ground, and I will publicly praise the LORD.”

Songs of Praise (singing)

Psalms 27:6 (NIV) – “And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore, will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.”

Psalm 47:6 (NLT) – “Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises!”

Sacrificial Praise

Psalms 27:6 (NIV) – “And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18a (KJV) – “In everything give thanks to God...”

Meaning, in good and bad things, thank God.

Psalms 50:14a (NIV) – “Make thankfulness your sacrifice to God...”

Psalms 50:23a (NLT) – “But giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors me...”

Dance Praise

Psalms 30:11-12 (NLT) – “You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy, that I might sing praises to you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever!”

Psalms 149:3 (NLT) – “*Praise his name with dancing*, accompanied by tambourine and harp.”

Psalms 150:4 (NLT) – “Praise him with the tambourine *and dancing*; praise him with strings and flutes!”

2 Samuel 6:14-23

Instrumental Praise

Psalms 33:2-3 (NLT) – “Praise the LORD with melodies on the lyre; make music for him on the ten-stringed harp. Sing a new song of praise to him; *play skillfully on the harp* and sing with joy.”

Psalms 150:3-5 (NLT) – “Praise him with a blast of the ram’s horn; praise him with the lyre and harp! Praise him with the tambourine and dancing; praise him with strings and flutes! Praise him with a clash of cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals.”

14) How to Praise

Through songs (singing and listening)

Sing joyfully

Psalms 33:3b (NLT) – “...*sing with joy.*”

Psalms 63:5b (NLT) – “...*I will praise you with songs of joy.*”

Singing joyful songs may not necessarily be from a place of joy (from a joyful heart). It could be your declaration unto God. Setting the atmosphere for what you want to experience. It is very unproductive to be in distress and sing songs of sorrow.

Clap your hands

Psalms 47:1 (NLT) – “Come, everyone! **Clap your hands!** Shout to God with joyful praise!”

Lifting your hands

Psalms 141:2 (NIV) – “May my prayer be set before you like incense; **may the lifting up of my hands** be like the evening sacrifice.”

Psalms 134:2 (NIV) – “**Lift up your hands** in the sanctuary and praise the LORD.”

Clapping your hands and lifting your hands as your praise unto God is a very intentional activity. It may not feel comfortable when you begin doing it, however, it gets better and more comfortable when you do it often with the understanding that it is your praise to God.

Shouts of Joy - Psalms 47:1 (NLT) – “Come, everyone! Clap your hands! **Shout to God with joyful praise!**”

Make your voice heard in the land of the living through your praises to Him. Make a joyful shout unto God.

By your lifestyle of excellence

Instrumentals

Sounds of praise, especially fast paced sounds of praise, are usually associated with jubilation, excitement, fast pace sounds, however, this is not a rule. Let the words trump the sound and rhythm in order to properly determine your praises unto Him.

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Psalms 21:13

Psalms 57:8-9

1 Chronicles 16:9

By acknowledging and verbalizing every benefit

Psalms 103:1-5 – “Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

By purposefully making God shine. There is a way you can talk about Him and to Him such that the spotlight is on Him and remains on Him.

15) What Should We Sing?

Sing New Songs

Psalms 33:3a (NLT) – “*Sing a new song of praise to him*; play skillfully on the harp, and *sing with joy.*”

Purposefully identify the new things that He is doing in your life. And sing about them. Be creative.

Psalms 40:3 (NLT) – “He has given me *a new song to sing*, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the LORD.”

Psalms 96:1a (NLT) – “Sing *a new song* to the LORD!”

Psalms 98:1 (NLT) – “Sing *a new song* to the LORD, for He has done wonderful deeds.”

Every new event that happens in your life is an opportunity to praise God. You can author your new song. Your new song should not always be the latest released album, rather the songs of your own heart about what He has done for you.

Sing Hymns (Meaningful/Applicable Songs)

Psalms 40:3 (NLT) – “He has given me a new song to sing, *a hymn of praise to our God*. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the LORD.”

Do not sing sorrowful hymns. We are encouraged to sing hymns of praise unto God. The words of every song you sing are very important. It is your responsibility to understand the lyrics of the song before you sing them. Do not always get carried away by the **melody**, rather the lyrics.

16) How To Identify Songs of Praise

Guiding Tips

- Not every fast pace song is a song of praise. There are many fast pace songs out there but the lyrics do not communicate Kingdom praises.
- A declaration of the word “praise” in a song is not necessarily praise to God. For example, in most songs, it is said “Praise God”. When we say praise God, sometimes it becomes tricky especially to the one who does not really understand. We should accompany the statement “Praise God” with a reason and possibly how to go about it. For example, instead of just saying “Praise God”, we can say “Praise God for His goodness in your life and Praise Him with shouts of joy” That is more specific and leading.
- Songs of praise are usually directed at someone or something. It is not indirect. Meaning, when you decide to praise, understand that your praises will be directed towards God. You do not have to pray to Jesus or any other person before your prayers reach God. You pray directly to the Father in the name of Jesus. Your praises do not have to go through anyone in order to reach God. For example, “I clap my hands to you oh God”, “I thank you Father for providing my needs”, etc.

- Our praise is not about the person whom we intend to praise but it is actually about communicating/ expressing the praise directly using specific words to describe the area intended to praise. For example, it is very different when you praise and say “I thank “you” God for my protection versus saying “I thank “Him” for my protection.

-Most praise songs do not exclusively have praise words. It could be a combination of words of adoration (as in worship) and words of appreciation (praise). For example, a praise song could have the following two sentences; “Lord I thank you for your love.” “You are the healer.” If a statement like these or similar to these one appear in a song, you should be able to identify what is praise and what is worship to the King. It is very ok to have both statements in one song.

- Characteristics of praise songs

- It contains words of acknowledgment, words of appreciation, words of thanksgiving, words of admiration.
 - Words of acknowledgment – Father, you protect me from my enemies; I am favored by you and for this, I say thank you.
 - Words of appreciation / Words of thanksgiving – “Thank You Father for...,” “ I am grateful for ...”
 - Words of admiration – This is the time when you show the Father great respect in your praises unto Him by using words that honor Him. For example, “Father, You are good”, etc.
- It is joyful. Meaning, the words communicate joy be it as a declaration or an actual state of being of the one singing.
- It carefully identifies the areas of appreciation by name. NO GENERALIZATION. The word of God says we should praise Him and forget not His benefits. In other word, set aside time to identify each benefit by name and thank Him for it.
- The words of appreciation are being directed to one being praised. We said earlier that we do not need a middle man in order to reach God.
- Depending on the call of the music minister leading, the praise song
 - Could be leading the crowd on how to praise by actually telling them to clap their hands, jump, dance, lift up hands, shout for joy, etc.

- Could be explaining to the crowd the reason why God ought to be praised. So that when the crowd understands, they can actually begin to praise God in different ways. For example, a song minister can say “praise Him for His unfailing love and faithfulness to you”; “praise Him for His kindness to you”, etc. Those are not words intended for you to mimic but to implement.
- Could be explaining to the crowd whom to praise so that “in their own words” the crowd can begin offering praises directly to God. For example, the song minister could say “We praise God”. That statement in itself is not praise, rather a leading statement to effective praise.
- Could be identifying and helping to lead the crowd in specific areas to praise God. A song minister could say, “Praise God for salvation; praise God for your family; praise God for your health, etc).
- Could be creating an awareness of the importance/significance of praising God by even stating the consequences of not praising God. For example, a song minister might say “partial praise or no praise to God is not pleasing to Him”. In this case, as you continue to praise God, you will self-evaluate to determine whether or not you are offering effective praise to God.

Family, understand that a song is simply a way of communication. Not every “praise song” is intended for you to mimic. Understand when you have to mimic the words and also understand when you have to follow instructions in order to effectively express your praise. Beyond praise songs, is the lifestyle of the one praising. The bottom line is that, we must praise, we must praise whole heartedly and we must praise effectively. For the glory of the Lord.

Kingdom Praise Monthly Challenge!

Every month, document *100 reasons* you are thankful to God.

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