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- **Entertainment – “something affording pleasure, diversion, or amusement, especially a performance of some kind”**
- **Is this what “religion” is meant to be? Is this what God wants?**

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- **John 4:23-24 – God wants those who will worship in spirit and truth**
  - **Worship – lit. “to kiss towards”, “make reverence to, the act of homage”**
  - **Our gathering is for the purpose of worship – it’s not about us!**

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- **Examples of entertainment-based actions in worship:**
  - Instrument music, handclapping, funny stories, “feel good” lessons, other emotional appeals
- **What does the Bible say:**
  - Singing – Eph. 5:19-20, Col. 3:15-17
  - Preaching – Acts 20:20, 27, 31
  - Orderly – I Cor. 14:33, 40

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- **“But \_\_\_\_\_ is encouraging and edifying!”**
  - **Edification and encouragement is a by-product of our being together to worship, and the joy we have in serving God**
  - **Eph. 4:12,16,29; I Cor. 14:3-5,12,17,26,31**
- **Joy (edification, encouragement) ≠ entertainment**
- **Joy comes by worshipping in spirit and truth!**