

# “Going through the motions”

- **God desires sincere obedience**
  - **I Sam. 15:22** – **God wants obedience before all else**
  - **Deut. 26:16** – **Source of obedience should be from the heart**

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- **God desires sincere obedience**
  - **Love is a motivating factor to provide the “want to”**
    - **Deut. 5:10, Deut. 10:12-16 – Love God and keep His commandments**
    - **Jn. 14:15, I Jn. 5:2-3 – If we love Christ we will keep commands**
    - **Psm. 119:47-48, 127-131 – Love the work, love being obedient (worship, etc.)**

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- **How do we apply this...**
  - ...in everyday life? **Jas. 1:22**
    - **Prayer/Praise**
      - Pray sincerely, not just routine (food, etc)
    - **Being an example to others**
      - Inviting people to church because we care
      - Others need to see someone who loves living as a Christian – no apologies!

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- **How do we apply this...**
  - **...in everyday life? Jas. 1:22**
    - **Contact with brethren:**
      - **Who have fallen away, Jas. 5:19-20**
      - **Who are struggling with issues**
      - **To spend time together, get to know one another**
    - **Let brethren encourage us!**

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- **How do we apply this...**
  - ...in worship? **John 4:24**
    - **Prayer**
      - **Concentrate on the words being said**
    - **Singing**
      - **Words first, notes second**
    - **Lord’s Supper**
      - **Thoughts of Christ, His death, what He did for us**

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- **How do we apply this...**
  - **...in worship? [John 4:24](#)**
    - **Contribution**
      - **Joy in knowing that we are helping the work of the Lord**
  - **Studying God’s word (sermon, class)**
    - **Minds devoted to learning and applying**

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- **Our goal:**
  - **Be motivated to live faithfully as a Christian**
  - **Be “zealous for good works”**
  - **Have joy when you are doing what you are supposed to be doing and do it because you love God**