

# Heart Attitudes for the Worship Choir

## III. THE FRAMEWORK: AUTHENTICITY

John's gospel tells us that God is seeking people to worship him in spirit and in truth. Therefore, our worship must be genuine! It must be a *reflection* and a *reaction* of a heart that is filled with fear, love, and knowledge of God. We must realize that God views our worship through the lens of what's inside our hearts.

*"I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth"* (Psalm 34:1).

*"As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God"* (Psalm 42:1-2).

Key principles for AUTHENTICITY in worship:

### 1. Offer God a sacrifice of **obedience**, not **obligation**.

- *"Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear...I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart"* (Psalm 40:6, 8).
- *"For you would not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you would not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you would not despise"* (Psalm 51:16-17).
- *"Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you, even though you make many prayers, I will not listen"* (Isaiah 1:14-15).

### 2. Offer God a sacrifice with **gratitude**, not **grumbling**.

- *"The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to the one who orders his way rightly, I will show the salvation of God"* (Psalm 50:23).
- *"Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world"* (Philippians 2:14).