

PATHWAYS
“THE PATHWAY OF PRAISE”

“Our Direction (Path) Determines Our Destination”

“From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God. Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn’t worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. The result was that their minds became dark and confused. Claiming to be wise, they became utter fools instead.” Romans 1:20-22 (NLT)

I. I Was Born With a _____ Heart.

“When they refused to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their evil minds and let them do things that should never be done.²⁹ Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, fighting, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip.³⁰ They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They are forever inventing new ways of sinning and are disobedient to their parents.³¹ They refuse to understand, break their promises, and are heartless and unforgiving.³² They are fully aware of God’s death penalty for those who do these things, yet they go right ahead and do them anyway. And, worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.” Romans 1:28-32 (NLT)

II. I Need a Heart _____

God took the first step for you

“We are made right in God’s sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done. For all have sinned; all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet now God in his gracious

kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins.” Romans 3:22-24 (NLT)

“The purpose of God in sending His Son to die and live and be at the right hand of God the Father was that He might restore to us the missing jewel, the jewel of worship: that we might come back and learn to do again that which we were created to do in the first place — worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, to spend our lives in awesome wonder and adoration of God.” A. W. Tozer

III. I Must _____ A Heart of Worship

1. The Exercise of Praise

“Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done.⁹ Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.¹⁰ Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the LORD. “1 Chronicles 16:8–10 (NLT)

2. The Exercise of Thanksgiving

“I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations. For Your lovingkindness is great to the heavens And Your truth to the clouds.” Psalm 57:9–10 (NASB95)