Reformed Worship: Family Worship and Private Worship
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I. Three Contexts of Worship: Corporate, Family, Private

A. Defining and distinguishing each context.

i. _____ worship is when we gather every Lord's day to worship together.

ii. _____ worship is when we worship throughout the week as a family.

iii. _____ worship is what we often call private devotions or quiet time.

B. What is the relationship between these different contexts? How do we prioritize?

i. American Christians tend to think that _____ worship is the most important.

ii. But I would reverse this order: _____ worship is the most important.

II. Family Worship

A. Why should we worship as families?

i. Because the Christian faith is essentially _____.

ii. Because family worship is biblical:

iii. Because family worship is Reformed:

iv. Because it is _____ and _____ beneficial.

B. Who should worship as families?

i. Leadership: Ordinarily _____, but the mother also plays a vital role.

ii. Parents should strive to _____ their children as much as possible.

C. How should we worship as families?

i. It doesn't need to be complicated: Read & discuss Scripture, pray, and sing.

ii. You could also add Bible memorization and _____.

iii. Finally, remember Eph 6:4: Do not _____ your children.

D. When and for how long should we worship as families?

i. New BCO 62-2: "Both personal and family worship is often more profitable if _____ rather than lengthy."

ii. A great goal is to worship as a family for about 30 minutes (+/- 15 min) every day.

III. Private Worship

A. Why should we worship in private?

i. Because it is biblical:

ii. Because it is Reformed:

iii. And finally, because it is _____ beneficial:

1. BCO 63-2: "The many advantages arising from a conscientious performance of these duties are best known to those who are found in the faithful discharge of them."

B. How should we worship in private? (Matthew 6:5–8)

i. Private worship means private, and our _____ should be pure.

ii. Jesus mentions prayer: We should prioritize _____.

iii. We should also regularly read the Bible in private.

C. When and for how long should we worship in private?

i. Like family worship, the goal should be 30 minutes or so every day.

ii. But like family worship, _____ is more valuable than lengthy.