

Christians and Parents Must Display God

We are to live to display God ALWAYS - Ps 34:2-3 - 2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. 3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! ESV

Jesus, who is our life example, lived completely displaying God only

He did EXACTLY WHAT God says - John 14:31 but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do EXACTLY what my Father has commanded me. "Come now; let us leave.

He Judged ONLY AS God judges - John 8:15-16 - 15 You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. 16 But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I STAND WITH THE FATHER, who sent me.

He showed his 100% dependence on God - John 5:30 **BY MYSELF I CAN DO NOTHING; I judge ONLY AS I HEAR,** and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

Our Godliness is NOT from us AT ALL, it is completely from Christ - 1 Cor 1:30-31 - 30 It is because of him that you are in **Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God** — that **is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.** 31 Therefore, as it is written: "**Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.**"

We are to emphasize our weakness - 2 Cor 11:30 If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

We must emphasize His increase - John 3:30 - **HE MUST INCREASE, but I MUST DECREASE.**" ESV

Our ministry must NOT display us, it must display us completely following Christ - 2 Cor 4:5-6 - 5 **FOR WE DO NOT PREACH OURSELVES, BUT JESUS CHRIST AS LORD, AND OURSELVES AS YOUR SERVANTS FOR JESUS' SAKE.** 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

This means we are driven by GOD ONLY; this includes not being driven by self - 1 Cor 4:1-5 So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. 2 Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. 3 I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. 4 **My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. IT IS THE LORD WHO JUDGES ME.** 5 Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.

When it comes down to it, EVERYTHING we do, MUST display God! - 1 Cor 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, DO IT ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.

We must apply God, which is Love, to everything. Without Love all we do is worthless - 1 Cor 13:1-3 - If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, **BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I AM NOTHING.** 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. (1 John 4:8 & 1 John 4:16)

To magnify God, we MUST recognize our role in the Lord - 1 Cor 11:3 Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

We must also recognize our place and value - 1 Cor 3:5-7 - 5 What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? **Only servants, through whom you came to believe** — as the Lord has assigned to each his task. 6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. 7 So **NEITHER HE WHO PLANTS NOR HE WHO WATERS IS ANYTHING,** but only God, who makes things grow.

This way of living is mandated on the raising of our children as well

We are to be the authority to our children while being under the authority of God - Eph 6:1-3 - **CHILDREN, OBEY YOUR PARENTS IN THE LORD,** for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother"-which is the first commandment with a promise— 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

We must not allow our ways of raising our children to frustrate them, instead, we MUST, while being instructed by God, raise them to live for God - Eph 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

When we do not love our children based on God, we inadvertently hate our children - Prov 13:24 **He who spares the rod hates his son,** but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.

When we live displaying God, the outcome will be our lives leading to others seeing and praising God - Matt 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.