

GLORIFYING GOD

WE must glorify God in EVERYTHING - 1 Cor 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or **WHATEVER YOU DO**, do it all for the GLORY OF GOD.

Only HE is Worthy - Ps 145:3 - Great is the Lord and MOST WORTHY OF PRAISE; his greatness no one can fathom.

WHAT IS "GLORIFYING" ? -

gadal (gaw-dal'); make large

doxazo (dox-ad'-zo); to render (or esteem) wonderful (in a wide application): glory, honor, **magnify**.

Glorifying God is amplifying the already awesome God Ps 34:3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! ESV

***Like glasses for reading a book, Glorifying God does not enhance God, it enhances how people see God**

Glorifying God is making sure our lives focus people on God and guides them to glorify HIM - Matt 5:14-16 - 14 "You **ARE** the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, **LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE** before men, that they may SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS and **praise your Father in heaven.**

It's not a fleshly feeling, it's a Spiritual focus - 1 Peter 1:8-9 - 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an **INEXPRESSIBLE** and **GLORIOUS** joy, 9 for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Recognize; He will still be exalted even if we do not praise him - Luke 19:40 - "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

HOW ARE WE TO PRAISE/GLORIFY GOD -

First, we must praise HIM with two very important ingredients- John 4:24 -God is spirit, and his worshipers **MUST WORSHIP** in spirit and in truth."

Offering ourselves God's way - Rom 12:1- Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to **offer your bodies as living sacrifices, HOLY AND PLEASING TO GOD — THIS IS YOUR SPIRITUAL ACT OF WORSHIP.**

We must get rid of the things that stop us from Glorifying God - Heb 12:1-2 - Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us **throw off everything that hinders** and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race MARKED OUT for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

We must allow God to define our life positions - James 1:9-10 - 9 The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his HIGH POSITION. 10 But the one who is rich should take pride in his LOW POSITION, because he will pass away like a wild flower.

Human's weakness is Godly strength - 2 Cor 12:7-9 - 7 To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for MY POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS." Therefore I will BOAST ALL THE MORE GLADLY ABOUT MY WEAKNESSES, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

In a nutshell two things define how to glorify God: 1.) Acknowledge God (knowing HIM) 2.) Display God (why, what, & how we do...)

KNOWING GOD – (Letting God know we know who He is)

Know he is GOD!!! - Rev 1:8 - "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, **the Almighty.**"

To Glorify Him, we must Fear him - Eccl 12:13 -Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: **FEAR GOD** and keep his commandments, for this is the whole [duty] of man.

We must recognize even HIS name is Holy - Matt 6:9-10 - "'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We Glorify God by realizing no plans are possible unless he wills it - James 4:13-16 - 13 Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, →

→ carry on business and make money." 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, "**IF IT IS THE LORD'S WILL, we will live and do this or that.**" 16 As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil.

We know Him by, if, or how we Love - 1 John 4:8-10 - 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 **THIS IS LOVE:** not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

We Know him by doing what he says - 1 John 2:3-6 - 3 We know that we have come to know him IF WE OBEY HIS COMMANDS. 4 The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. **THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WE ARE IN HIM:** 6 Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

We Glorifying him by outwardly praise him –

What we say and display - Ps 63:3-4 - 3 Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. 4 I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

With song and dance - Ps 149:3-4 - 3 Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp. 4 For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation. 5 Let the saints rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.

With thanksgiving - Ps 69:30-31 - 30 I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving. 31 This will please the Lord more than an ox, more than a bull with its horns and hoofs.

We are to glorify him with our bodies - 1 Cor 6:18-20 - 18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. 19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore **HONOR GOD WITH YOUR BODY.**

(DISPLAY HIM) WHAT WE DO-

We are to represent Christ here on earth - 2 Cor 5:20 - We are therefore **CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS,** as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Christians introduce Christ to the world by showing HIS light in us - 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.

WE GLORIFY GOD IN THE ROLE(S) WE ARE IN

- **Employer & Employee** - Col 3:22-25
- **Children (How they are raised)** Eph 6:1, Col 3
- **Husbands & Wives** Eph 5:22-25
- **Spiritual leaders** - Heb 13:17

(DISPLAY HIM) THE PURPOSE AND WAY WE DO THINGS-

Our focus on praising God should be with all we have, all the time - Ps 86:12 -I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

We live our everyday lives to glorify God and minister to others - 1 Peter 2:12 -**LIVE** such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your GOOD DEEDS and glorify God on the day he visits us.

***When the opposite of this is done, we blaspheme God (Rom 2:19-24)**

All of our actions and words needs to represent him - 1 Peter 4:11 -If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. **TO HIM BE THE GLORY** and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

In comfortable and uncomfortable situations, we display Him, NEVER us - 1 Peter 4:15-16 - 15 If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. 16 However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

Every minute we live is valuable and should be used for God - Eph 5:15-17 - 15 Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, 16 making THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Abraham gives a detailed example of glorifying God - Rom 4:18-24 - 18 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead — since he was about a hundred years old — and that Sarah's womb was also dead. 20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but **was STRENGTHENED IN HIS FAITH and GAVE GLORY TO GOD, 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.** 22 This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." 23 The words "it was credited to him" were written NOT FOR HIM ALONE, 24 but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness — for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

Our spiritual attire gives the glory to God - Col 3:12-14 - 12 Therefore, as **GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE**, holy and dearly loved, CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. FORGIVE AS THE LORD FORGAVE YOU. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

We Glorify Him by living our lives with the purpose to win others - 1 Cor 9:22-23 - 22 To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN so that by ALL POSSIBLE MEANS I MIGHT SAVE SOME. 23 I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

We must make sure that all the credit in our lives goes to God, never to us –

We are not to boast in our God given strength - Jer 9:23-24 - 23 This is what the Lord says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, 24 but **LET HIM WHO BOASTS BOAST ABOUT THIS: THAT HE UNDERSTANDS AND KNOWS ME, THAT I AM THE LORD**, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord.

The only credit that matters is the credit from God - 2 Cor 10:17-18 - 17 But, "**LET HIM WHO BOASTS BOAST IN THE LORD.**" 18 For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but **THE ONE WHOM THE LORD COMMENDS.**

We are to even be willing to die to glorify God - John 21:17-19 - Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. 18 I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

Our perfect example, Jesus, lived and died to glorify God

John 17:1 - After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.

John 17:5 - And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

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.

How to NOT glorify God

Man has a history of deliberately incorrectly or NOT glorifying God - Rom 1:21-23 - 21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him AS GOD nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they CLAIMED TO BE WISE, they BECAME FOOLS 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

Other religions who claim to worship God, worship HIM their way so they worship "Because of Him" instead of it being "Based on HIM" - Matt 15:7-9 - 7 You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: 8 "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 9 **THEY WORSHIP ME IN VAIN;** their teachings are but rules taught by men."

Not knowing what stops us from Glorifying God

Fear (timidness) can stop us from glorifying God - 2 Tim 1:7 - For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

All of our relationships - Matt 10:37-39 - 37 "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38 and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever **LOSES HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE WILL FIND IT.**

Distorted teaching - Col 2:8 -**SEE TO IT** that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

What you focus on will affect how you live - Phil 3:19 -Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.

Partnership with “the world” - James 4:4 -You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

Questioning God - Rom 9:19-21 - 19 One of you will say to me: "Then why does God still blame us? For who resists his will?" 20 But **who are you, O man, to talk back to God?** "Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'" 21 Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

Sinning is the opposite of glorifying God -Rom 3:22-23 -22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, 23 for ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

This is why WE MUST live by Faith - Rom 14:23 - But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.

Letting our comfort and prosperity run our lives instead of God - Luke 12:16-21 - 16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' 18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." ' 20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' 21 **"This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."**

- How you give
- How you manage your time
- What takes priority

Boasting about self - 1 Cor 1:29-31 - 29 so that no one may boast before him. 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."

Math 23:1-36 covers clearly what is opposite of glorifying God

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| ✓ They require others to do things they would not do | ✓ They will hurt others (especially the weak) to advance themselves. |
| ✓ They make themselves <u>look</u> more Spiritual instead of being Spiritual. | ✓ Want titles not made for them |
| ✓ Must be noticed. & acknowledged | ✓ They will add or take away from what God calls sacred. |
| ✓ Expects to get special treatment. | ✓ Their religion is <u>about them</u> not God. |
| ✓ Expects to be honored. | |

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We Glorify God by making sure our lives are completely led by God’s Word - Col 3:16-17 - 16 **LET THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU RICHLY** as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And **whatever you do**, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

***Finally, with all that has been heard, we Glorify God by doing everything FOR GOD and Doing it HIS WAY!**

Example of eating and drinking to the Glory of God - 1 Cor 10:23-30 - 23 All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify. 24 **LET NO ONE SEEK HIS OWN GOOD, BUT THAT OF HIS NEIGHBOR.** 25 Eat anything that is sold in the meat market without asking questions for conscience' sake; 26 FOR THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND ALL IT CONTAINS. 27 If one of the unbelievers invites you and you want to go, eat anything that is set before you without asking questions for conscience' sake. 28 But **IF ANYONE SAYS TO YOU, "This is meat sacrificed to idols," do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for conscience' sake;** 29 **I MEAN NOT YOUR OWN CONSCIENCE, BUT THE OTHER MAN'S;** for why is my freedom judged by another's conscience? 30 If I partake with thankfulness, why am I slandered concerning that for which I give thanks? NASU

***Glorifying God makes sure we recognize God to keep us on the right path and it brings others to God.**

9. Rom 1 says though man knew God he is not Glorifying Him “As God”. What does that mean?

10. A close relationship with the world will help us glorify God better. (true or False)? Explain.