

Glorifying God in Our Lives

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“**GLORIFY**” means to “advance the glory of God and His Name by one’s actions, sufferings, etc.; ascribe glory or praise or adoration to God” [*The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary*]. The Bible teaches us the importance of glorifying God in our lives, and I would like to spend a few minutes thinking about that with you.

1 Chronicles 16:28-29

“Give to the LORD, Oh families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength. Give to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!”

This passage shows us that we give glory which is due to God when we “bring an offering” and “worship” the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Part of glorifying God includes “reflecting glory upon” God.

A perfect example of this is found in Matthew 5:16 when Jesus taught His disciples to “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” It seems to me that Jesus is saying that a godly life lived by true followers of Christ can only be explained to the world by the Father’s influence upon them, and thus He is glorified by their actions.

Psalm 50:23 suggests the same idea: “Whoever **offers praise** glorifies Me; and to **him who orders his conduct aright** I will show the salvation of God.” God is glorified by good conduct and offered praise by those who love Him.

Numerous Scriptures affirm God’s glory and are listed here for your edification: Exodus 15:11, 21; Deuteronomy 28:58; Psalm 22:23; 76:4; 86:9 and 145:5. This last reference beautifully states that “I will **meditate** on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works.” If all true believers would spend more time thinking about God — His nature, His attributes, His loving kindness, etc. — I think it would have an ameliorating affect on us.

Romans 1:21

When man rejects God and fails to glorify Him in his life, we see the opposite effect: “...although they knew God, they did **not glorify** Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.” A certain kind of mental depravity takes over the one who thinks he is not amenable to God for his life, his thoughts, and his actions! We see that abundantly in America today, and it has had a devastating effect on our country’s morals and goodness. Narcissism and greediness for sin have overtaken many. The cure for many of our nation’s ills is to turn back to God, but that seems to be the farthest possibility in the minds of the same people at this time. If history tells us anything, then America will have to face a serious crisis before it will consider turning back to God.

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Christians are encouraged to unite in mind and faith together so that we may “with one mind and one mouth **glorify** the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 15:6). Religious division with its envy, strife and bitterness only benefits the Devil. God’s people are to act better than that.

*“For you were bought at a price; therefore **glorify God** in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s”* (1 Corinthians 6:20). Yes, we are to glorify God in what we think, say and do! It is our God-given obligation and a debt we owe God because of our redemption by the blood of Jesus Christ.

The unbelieving world may very well glorify God by **your** actions! Have you considered that in your daily activities? Do you shine the light of God’s influence in your everyday life? Romans 15:9; 2 Corinthians 9:13; 1 Peter 2:12; 4:16; Revelation 15:4.

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