

“TO GOD BE THE GLORY”

Selected Scriptures

God has a purpose for you—to glorify him and enjoy him forever. What does this look like in our careers, our relationships, etc? Here’s the truth you must adopt...

**EVERY PART OF YOUR LIFE HAS
THE POTENTIAL TO GLORIFY GOD!**

To understand the word—*glory*—we need to get a grasp of two key words.

Kabod, a Hebrew word, means *heaviness*. There is a weight, a gravity to God. Paul picked up on this ...

2 Corinthians 4:17–18... For momentary, light affliction is producing for us *an eternal weight of glory* far beyond all comparison, **18** while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Moses was the man God chose to lead the chosen people of Israel from Egyptian bondage to the land He had promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. At Mt. Sinai, Moses prayed, ***“I pray You, show me your glory!” (Exodus 33:18)*** Notice how God revealed His glory or weightiness to His servant...

Exodus 34:5–8... The LORD descended in the cloud and stood there with him as he called upon the name of the LORD. **6** Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; **7** who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.” **8** Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship.

When we glorify our Lord, we direct our praise, adoration, thanksgiving, and worship to Him. That’s what Moses did.

Doxa is the Greek word that is used in the New Testament to speak of God’s glory. It carries the idea of a light shining. Think about the sun. It is the

source of light. Rays of light shine forth from the sun. They are the *doxa*, or the *glory* of the sun. This word was used to refer to one's *fame* or *reputation*. Just like light shines forth from the sun, God's fame or reputation shines forth. The Lord Jesus Christ is the outshining of divine glory.¹

Hebrews 1:3... And He is *the radiance of His glory* and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

We can't truly glorify the Lord until we begin to get a grasp of His glory. Speaking of His glory, I want you to understand...

God's Intrinsic Glory—This is the sum total of all of His attributes, character, and nature. His glory never decreases, and it never increases.

¹ R. E. Nixon, "Glory," ed. D. R. W. Wood et al., *New Bible Dictionary* (Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996), 415.

Last week, I highlighted the danger of “*diminishing God’s glory.*” I was referring to the actions and attitudes of our lives that reduce the amount of glory that we give to our awesome God. In essence I was referring to...

God’s Extrinsic Glory—This is the praise and honor we and all of creation should give to Him.

Romans 11:36...For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 10:31... Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Peter 4:11... Whoever speaks, *is to do so* as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves *is to do so* as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

God can be glorified *passively*. Here’s what I mean by that. God’s creation glorifies Him passively.

Psalm 19:1–2... The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. **2** Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge.

The pristine white snow we received glorified God. So does a gorgeous sunset or sunrise and a night sky filled with bright, twinkling stars. All of these are examples of God being glorified passively.

Now, you and I also glorify God *passively* by our mere existence. With every breath we take, every blink of our eyes, every beat of our heart we are passively glorifying our amazing Creator. All the functions of our bodies testify to God’s wisdom and creativity and power.

God can be glorified *actively*. We can do this by promoting and proclaiming the glory of our Lord with every part of our lives. We can choose to glorify our Lord.

In this series that we’ve entitled—***Glorify***—we’re seeking to answer this question. How can we glorify the Lord Jesus in 2025? We’ve discovered that we can glorify our Lord by...

- Observing the Lord’s Supper and remembering the significance of His atoning death.
- Abiding in the Lord Jesus and allowing Him to produce much spiritual fruit through our lives.

Today I want to show you a few more ways you can glorify the Lord...

1. LIVE TO PLEASE JESUS

Matthew 5:16... “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

1 Peter 2:12... Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation.

To please Jesus we must exercise faith (Hebrews 11:6), love without hypocrisy (Romans 12:9), deny ourselves (Luke 9:23), and be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18), and offer ourselves as “living sacrifices” to God (Romans 12:1).

2. ENDURE THE TOUGH TIMES

1 Peter 4:12–16, 19... Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; **13** but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. **14** If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. **15** Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; but if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name. **19** Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

No, you don't have to thank God for the hardships or the suffering while you're going through them. But you can always, always, always thank God in those hard times... for being faithful to you, for your eternal salvation, and for his unflinching love for you in Christ.

This ability to trust the Lord in the hard times has an amazing impact on other believers and even unbelievers. The Lord is glorified!

3. COMMIT TO SEXUAL PURITY

You've got to understand that there was a heresy taking shape during the time much of the New Testament was being written. It was built on the idea that your spirit and soul was all that mattered. In fact, they went as far as championing the idea that you could do anything with your body. Unfortunately, that same idea has been embraced by many in our culture today.

1 Corinthians 6:18–20... Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. **19** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? **20** For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

Let me make this thought clear to you...

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CONCLUSION

I have one more way that you can glorify the Lord our God and that is **BY ACCEPTING THE GOSPEL**.

Ephesians 1:3–7... Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, **4** just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love **5** He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, **6** to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. **7** In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

Will you glorify the Lord by trusting Him as your Savior and Lord?

Will you devote yourself to glorifying the Lord in every area of your life?

