

Living for the Glory of God in Your Marriage

Introduction:

- I. We Must Understand Why We All Need to Glorify God With Our Lives
 - A. Because of who God is
 - i. Wrong views of God will _____ them from giving glory to God.
 - ii. Right Views of God _____ them to give glory to God – Jer 9:23-24; Jn 4:21-24
 - B. Because of what God has done and is doing for us
 - i. His Salvation (really seeing who they are, what they deserve and God's grace) –Romans 1-11; Eph 1,2
 - ii. His mighty and good _____ throughout history and for them –Ps 103; 145
 - iii. His undeserved love, commitment, faithfulness and care –Rom 1-5
 - C. Because we were all created for it -Isa 43:7; Rom 1:18-25; 1 Cor 1:31; 10:31; 2 Cor 10:17; Col 1:16; Jude 24-25
 - i. Not to _____ ourselves -2 Cor 5:15
 - ii. Not to know God so He can serve us – Col 1:15-19
 - iii. But that all things be unto God - Eph 3:20-21
 - iv. It also is for our good and blessing – Deut 10:12

- v. The Westminster Confession of Faith -
 “Man’s chief end...”

We even greatly glorify God by enjoying (or delighting in) Him –an excellent and much-needed emphasis made by Dr. John Piper. And it is not only our privilege (and our blessing) but also our duty (by God’s command) to delight in Him and be satisfied in Him alone.

Caution:

- D. Because He expects it exclusively and we will answer to Him - 1 Cor 3:10-15; 2 Cor 5:9-10
 i. He is the only one who deserves it – Isa 42:8; 48:9-11; Rev 4:11

ii. It is abominable to withhold it or give glory to oneself -- Jer 2:11; Acts 12:20-23

iii. It is a command and an act of obedience He will hold them _____ for – 2 Cor 5:9,10

- II. We Must Grasp that In Our Present Situation it is **Most** Important that we Glorify God

A. Because God deserves and _____ us to glorify Him in every situation – Ps 119:168,1 Cor 10:31

B. Because it affects their communion with God and their _____ of His grace/help in the situation - Ps 25:14; James 4:6-10

C. Because if not it will only create more sin and trouble - Prov 13:15

- III. We must recognize what is standing in the way

- A. A _____ perspective – Mat 6:24-34

- B. Their other life agendas (idols must be explored) – Jer 9:23-24; 1 Jn 2:15-17

- C. The consuming desire or expectation to be _____ from trial – 2 Cor 12:7-10

- D. A Lack of true salvation/regeneration – Rom 1:18-25; Phil 2:12-13

- E. Unconfessed sin – Ps 51 (cf Ps 32)

- F. Etc.

IV. We must know what it practically means to Glorify God

- A. They Must know that there are many ways for us to Glorify God
(However, we perhaps can sum them up by saying that we Glorify God when we Worship God alone with our (what we desire, seek, delight in), with our _____ (what we say about Him) and with our _____ (how we live and what we do to serve His interests).

B. Breaking it down...¹

- i. By living with purpose (1 Cor 10:31; Eph 1:3-14)
- ii. By confessing sins (Josh 7:19; 1 Jn 1:9)
- iii. By praying expectantly (John 14:13)
- iv. By living purely (1 Cor 6:18-20)
- v. By submitting to Christ (Phil 2:9-11)
- vi. By praising God (2 Cor 4:15)
- vii. By obeying God (2 Cor 9:13; 2 Thess 1:12)
- viii. By growing in faith (Rom 4:20-21)
- ix. By suffering for Christ's sake (1 Pt 4:15-16)
- x. By rejoicing in God (1 Chr 16:10)
- xi. By worshipping God (Ps 86:9)
- xii. By bearing spiritual fruit (Jn 15:8)
- xiii. By proclaiming God's Word (2 Thess 3:1)
- xiv. By serving God's people (1 Pt 4:10-11)
- xv. By purifying Christ's church (Eph 5:27; 2 Thes 1:10)
- xvi. By giving sacrificially (2 Cor 9:13)
- xvii. By unifying believers (Jn 17:22)
- xviii. By the salvation of the lost (Ps 21:5; 1 Th 2:12; 2 Th 2:14)
- xix. By shining Christ's light through a godly life of good works (Mt 5:16)
- xx. By spreading God's gospel (2 Cor 4:15)
- xxi. By _____ His attributes (being like Christ) – 2 Cor 3:18; Gal 5:22-23; 1 Thess 1:6

C. We Must Realize That God's Glory Will Either Be Eclipsed or Reflected in Any and Every Situation

- i. We must get GENERALLY focused (basics of living in light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ)
- ii. We must get SPECIFICALLY focused
 - a. On how we are _____ God's glory in their present situation-Give them some examples - Eph 4-6

¹ Taken mostly from the MacArthur Bible Commentary, 1518.

- b. On how we can _____ replace ways they are eclipsing God's glory with what reflects God's Glory
 - c. On how we can Glorify God more in the other aspects of their life
- D. We most likely will need homework to solidify our Grasp, our Commitment and our Repentance concerning God's Glory - Jas 1:19-27
- a. We can/will find **Scriptures** to study and respond to
 - b. We can/will read _____/_____
 - c. We can/will develop a running list of God's attributes, deeds and promises.
 - d. We can/will make our own list of ways we are _____ God's glory.
 - e. We can/will make our own list of ways we can reflect God's glory in our difficult situation and come up with very specific plans to do so.
 - f. We can/will list _____ lusts (wrong life agendas) the thoughts that go with us and how we can practice replacing them (one at a time) - by the Spirit's help
 - g. We can/will evaluate our lives and how our time is spent and write down ways and specific plans to bring more glory to God.

CONCLUSION