



## What Does it Mean to Glorify God?

**Psalm 86:12:** (NASB) *I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and will glorify Your name forever.*



Praise God! Psalm 34:3 says, *Magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!* As Christians we often think of glorifying God as an incredibly positive exercise in expression, excitement, joy and passion. Our praise and worship usually bring us to feeling His love and His power and this in turn opens us up to a convicted sense of security. All of this is good, but is it the complete picture of what glorifying God is supposed to be? Do our praise and worship sufficiently satisfy the “glorifying God equation” in our daily lives? What if there is a whole different level of extolling our Creator’s character? What if that different level could actually have a profound transforming effect

on us? You would want to know about that, right? Us, too!

What does it mean to give “glory” to someone or something? Let’s start with the New Testament:

**Glory:** Strongs #1392 doxazo; to render (or esteem) glorious (in a wide application) 1) to think, suppose, be of opinion; 2) to praise, extol, magnify, celebrate; 3) to honor, do honor to, hold in honor

 #1 - worship, *How to Glorify God, Five Ways to Glorify the Lord, ThatChristianVlogger*

- Way number one to bring glory to God is through worship. *Worship is much more than simply praising, or singing or praying. By confining worship to a particular hour on the weekend, then we miss what true worship is all about. True worship has much more to do with the other 167 hours in a given week. I think C.S. Lewis said it best by saying, “In commanding us to glorify Him, God is inviting us to enjoy Him.” You see, worship is a lifestyle with enjoying God, loving Him and giving ourselves to be used for His purpose. Romans 6:13 says that since God has redeemed us, we are to give our lives as instruments for righteousness. In other words, your day-to-day activity when done with God in mind can actually be an expression of worship. Everything from your work, or going to the gym, or your cooking, and even just spending time with your loved ones can be an expression of worship when you keep God in mind as you do them.*



**We can be such strong examples that glory flows through us and to God:**

Matthew 5:16: (NASB) *Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and **glorify** <1392> your Father who is in heaven.*

**Glory can be sought after and given in the wrong places:**

Matthew 6:1-4: (NASB) <sup>1</sup>*Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.* <sup>2</sup>*So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be **honored** <1392> by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.* <sup>3</sup>*But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,* <sup>4</sup>*so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.*



At our church meetings there is a donation box in the back of the room. When my wife and I donate, we put cash in the box, not even a check, so no one knows what we gave. The Lord knows and He is the one who counts it.

*Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing - be subtle and quiet about it. We do not need people acknowledging our gift with praise, the adulation of men. We want our giving to be blessed by God in His time and way. Your Father who sees what is done in secret - when it is done with the right heart attitude in a scripturally sound manner, He will bless you. That does not mean He is going to give you money back or ten times the money back; it is a spiritual blessing. Do not be looking for glory, honor and praise from others.*

**Jesus had a way of getting glory to go where it belonged:**

Matthew 9:6-8: (NASB) <sup>6</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins—then he said to the paralytic, Get up, pick up your bed and go home. <sup>7</sup>And he got up and went home. <sup>8</sup>But when the crowds saw this, they were awestruck, and **glorified** <1392> God, who had given such authority to men.

The people understood this miracle was *from God through Jesus*. The Israelites knew the prophets of old could do miracles, and they honored those doing God’s will, so they were ready to acknowledge the miracles were from God.



**“The Doxology Anthem Lights” (Excerpt) Selah**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host

Matthew 15:29-31: (NASB) <sup>29</sup>Departing from there, Jesus went along by the Sea of Galilee, and having gone up on the mountain, he was sitting there. <sup>30</sup>And large crowds came to him, bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at his feet; and he healed them. <sup>31</sup>So the crowd marveled as they saw the mute speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

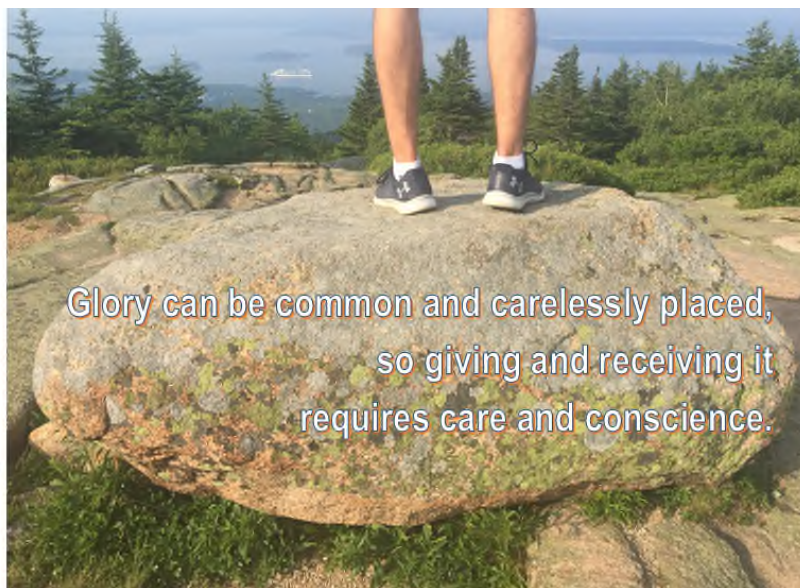
Jesus was a healing machine doing incredible work for the crippled, blind, mute, sick...as many as were laid at his feet, he healed them all. The response of the people was “Glory to God!” Honoring God was Jesus’ priority.

There is a hint as to how glory needs to be handled. When you do something that looks glorious to others, where does the glory end up? Does it come to us or flow through us?





Giving God Glory Lesson:



Everyone is looking for attention in our “me” society. We can be careless with receiving attention. We must make sure our glory is ultimately moving up towards God.

**If God is supposed to receive glory from us, then why did He GIVE glory to enemies of His chosen people?**

One thing that we as Christians must focus on is clarity in our assigning glory here or there. God, as we shall see, operates on a different level than us. His assigning of honor may be temporary or permanent and drive His eternal plan, whereas our assignments of honor should be in response to and in agreement with His eternal plan.

**Psalms 34:1-3:** (NASB) <sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. <sup>2</sup>My soul will make its boast in the LORD; the humble will hear it and rejoice. <sup>3</sup>O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.



**“Glory to God” (Excerpt, Chorus) The Messiah**

Glory to God  
Glory to God  
Glory to God in the Highest  
And peace on earth  
Good will towards men  
Glory to God in the Highest  
And peace on earth

Glory to God was a direct result of the birth of Jesus, as pronounced by the angels. This event was world-changing.

A primary word for worship/honor in the Old Testament:

**Worship/Honor:** Strong's #3513, kabad or kated; to be heavy, i.e. in a bad sense (burdensome, severe, dull) or in a good sense (numerous, rich, honorable); causatively, to make weighty (in the same two senses)



The King James Version translates this as *honor* 34 times, *glorify* 14 times, *honorable* 14 times, *heavy* 13 times, *harden* 7 times, *glorious* 5 times, *sore* 3 times, *made heavy* 3 times, *chargeable* 2 times, *great* 2 times, *many* 2 times, *heavier* 2 times, *promote* 2 times, (other individual words) 10 times

Differences, *What is the Difference Between Praise and Worship?* [gotquestions.org](http://gotquestions.org)

- *In Scripture, praise is usually presented as boisterous, joyful and uninhibited. God invites praise of all kinds from His creation. Jesus said that if people don't praise God, "...even the stones will cry out." When the Bible mentions worship however, the tone changes. We read verses like, "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." And, "Come, let us worship and bow down." Often worship is coupled with the act of bowing or kneeling which shows humility and contrition.*

Worship can be more contemplative and meditative, but it works together with praise. It is one of the building blocks for our lives. Praising God will not always happen, but worship can always happen on some level.

Psalms 86:8-9: (NASB) <sup>8</sup>*There is no one like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours.* <sup>9</sup>*All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and they shall **glorify <3513>** Your name.*

*All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You - Many of these people are heathen nonbelievers, but God desires all to come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:4)* This shows not just the Jewish nation glorifying God.

**God will receive glory from all men as His plan unfolds, but for now He sometimes gives glory strangely:**

Exodus 8:32: (KJV) *And Pharaoh **hardened <3513>** his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.*

*Hardened* here is the same Hebrew word as *glory!* Remember, one of the definitions of Strongs #3513 was to “be made heavy.” In other words, Pharaoh “gave weight” to his heart to sway his thinking.

Whichever shade of definition we use here, Pharaoh’s heart desires and inclinations were actualized. This should be a warning sign for how WE think.

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Joshua suggests: When the way we live points the nonbeliever to begin to entertain the possibility that maybe Christ is real, I think that is one of the best ways we can glorify God, directing others towards Him. Likewise when someone gives us credit for something and we tell them it wasn’t us, it was God, this also glorifies God. Of course, there are many things that glorify Him, but to me these are good means to glorifying our Father.



How should we handle the very real and powerful reasoning of our own hearts and minds? Do we glorify them?

We need to have the right heart attitude:

1 Corinthians 10:31: (NASB) *...whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*



Handling our real and powerful thoughts must be put in check, following the pathway of putting God first.

Colossians 3:23: (NASB) *Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men...*

Whatever we are doing can be done as if unto God. HOWEVER, sometimes we might be doing something that is not good or is just plain bad/evil. We cannot do that as unto God. It does not work. We need to be constantly checking our actions and focusing them on something godly, then doing the action *heartily*.

Even if God says no to our requests in prayer, we need to have the attitude to say YES to God’s choice. “He said no? That is good, because He knows better than I do! His will be done, not mine,” even if we did not get what we wanted. An improper attitude of murmuring and complaining does not glorify God, but this is where we end up too often and too easily.

Is what we want in line with our most important thing in life - to do the will of God through Christ, to be a footstep follower of Jesus? This is how we monitor our giving glory to God.

***The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism. – Norman Vincent Peale***



Constructive criticism can be like a peanut butter sandwich with the peanut butter representing the critique. Each piece of bread is an encouraging, uplifting thought, allowing the criticism to be held without stickiness. Properly-given criticism can glorify God if it is done in love.

**God delivered a startling lesson by following the lead that Pharaoh took:**

Exodus 10:1: (KJV) *And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have **hardened** <3513> his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these My signs before him.*

Pharaoh the “bad guy,” but God “glorifies” him (same Hebrew word for *hardened*). What does that mean? God is not changing Pharaoh’s heart, but he recognizes it and says, “I know what’s in your heart, and I will allow it to be the overriding factor in what you do.”

Exodus 14:4: (KJV) *And I will **harden** <2388> Pharaoh’s heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be **honored** <3513> upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so.*

**Harden**: Strong’s #2388, *chazaq*, to fasten upon; hence, to seize, be strong (figuratively, courageous, causatively strengthen, cure, help, repair, fortify)...

“I am going to give Pharaoh’s heart strength to do what he wants. By that I will be honored eventually.” God put Pharaoh’s heart in a central position of authority. Why? God always does the most important thing at any given moment. Giving sin permission to dominate eventually leads to its downfall. God is so wise to allow it to do so.



It is God's decision to let evil reign. To honor Pharaoh at that moment made His plan work by showing everyone who God really was.

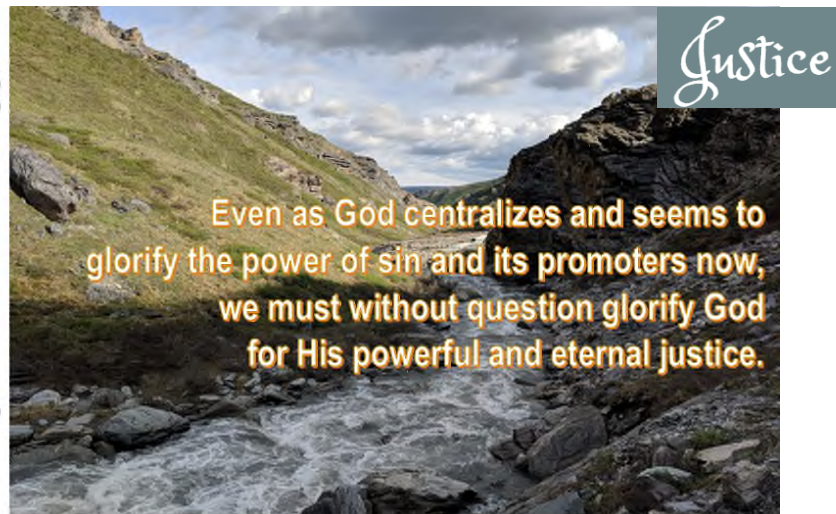
🔊 #2 - love, *How to Glorify God, Five Ways to Glorify the Lord, ThatChristianVlogger*

- *The second way to glorify God is simply by loving others. Over and over Christians are told to love each other. In fact, Jesus not only commanded us to love, he even said that our love for others was the exact key way that people would know that we belong to him and are his disciples. Now, when we love other people we reflect the goodness of God and bring glory to Him through our actions. I remember one day when I was quite young having an elderly woman compliment me. I just waited what felt like an eternity for her to make her way across an entryway into a store, because I was holding the door open for her. After her thanking me, this grandmother-type person complimented me by saying, "Your parents raised you right." You see, in the same manner in the way that we treat other people will either bring glory or shame to God.*

Love

God is glorified when we take our moments and give them to others in service. God is also glorified by the elderly lady expressing appreciation for the man's patience. Inevitably the highest level of human activity will glorify God. We are told to love our neighbors and even our enemies.

Giving God Glory Lesson:



**Having seen God's glory in dealing with sin, what will I see of His glory as He deals with me?**

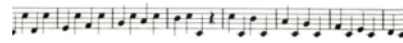
One of the amazing reasons to continually glorify God is the fact that no life is seemingly too insignificant for Him to bless. Sometimes we may see ourselves as broken and empty vessels, while God sees us as vessels with the potential to carry His grace and reflect His glory. Which approach sounds better to you?

If we see ourselves as that broken and empty vessel, feeling useless, incapable or without energy to glorify God, we should set our mind in a different direction. Glorifying God can occur on a daily basis, even out of our lack of energy, opportunity or sickness. No matter what we are dealing with, we can still give glory to God somehow.



**Psalms 86:8-10:** (NASB) <sup>8</sup>*There is no one like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours.* <sup>9</sup>*All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and they shall glorify <3513> Your name.* <sup>10</sup>*For You are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God.*

*For You are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God - We let God stand alone and above in all of our experiences.*



### “To God be the Glory” (Verse One)

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

**Glorify God in your character - glorify Him by being who you are called to be:**

**Matthew 5:13-14, 16:** (NASB) <sup>13</sup>*You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.* <sup>14</sup>*You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;* <sup>16</sup>*Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify <1392> your Father who is in heaven.*

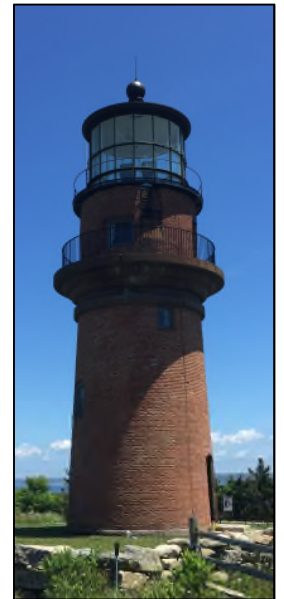
**We have to let our Christlike character shine through in everything we do!**

*You are the salt of the earth - salt is:*

- a preserver - of truth
- an antiseptic to heal - lift yourself higher to know you have value in God’s sight
- a seasoning - salt was used for sacrifices in the Old Testament
- a covenant of friendship - described in the Old Testament

**What must happen for us to become salt and a shining light of God’s glory to those who see us?**

1. God has to call us to walk in Jesus’ footsteps. We answer that call and make a covenant with God to do His will.
2. God gives us His Holy Spirit (God’s influence and power) and we develop Christlikeness.
3. We learn His plan for us and others and do what we can to be in harmony with that plan.





4. We are to serve with others of *like precious faith (2 Peter 1:1)* like Jesus and his disciples. We have to seek others out who see it the same way and co-labor with them.

The process of becoming salt or a shining light does not just happen when you are sitting by yourself at home. It is by being engaged with the brotherhood - those driven by the same desire for Christlikeness.

5. We want to share the good news that *Christ died once for all to be testified in due time*. Glorifying God includes showing others what the verses in the Bible mean.

 #3 - Christlikeness, How to Glorify God, Five Ways to Glorify the Lord, ThatChristianVlogger

- *The third way to glorify God is to become more like Christ. Becoming more like Christ isn't really just limited to your morals and actions.*

*You see, the more that we become like Christ, the more we begin to think, feel and act like him as well. The Bible says that as we behold the glory of the Lord, we are being transformed into the same image. One of my favorite authors mentions that our character is made up of our thoughts and of our feelings. You see, as we become more like Christ, then that means that our thoughts and our feelings should become more aligned with his. Our hearts begin to yearn for the same things that Christ's heart yearns for.*

# Christlikeness

Our characters, made up of our thoughts and feelings, are expressed through our actions. We can go about our lives not doing what is particularly glorifying to God. We can go to church on Sunday feeling holy and energized, but we have to express our character during the week. We do not want to just play a rationalization game on Sunday; who we are on Sunday should be who we are all the other days. That is how we glorify God.

*I praise loudly. I blame softly. — Catherine the Great*

There is nothing wrong with praising others who have helped us. It helps the person who did the nice thing. Our response to praise from others might be, “Thank you, by God’s grace, that was able to happen.”

**Serving God’s purpose with an unmovable character gives God glory:**

Acts 4:18-21: (NASB) <sup>18</sup>And... they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup>But Peter and John answered and said to them, Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; <sup>20</sup>for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard. <sup>21</sup>When they had threatened them further, they let them go... on account of the people, because they were all **glorifying <1392>** God for what had happened.







Peter and John got into legal trouble for preaching the gospel and were told to stop. But their attitude was, “Are we supposed to listen to God or to you?” The authorities had a problem with the people glorifying God as a result of Peter and John, who just went on doing what they were called to do.

(Often we look at all the mistakes Israel made, but they did a lot of glorifying as well!)

### Glory given to God by way of Paul, someone who dramatically lived a changed life once called to Christ:

Galatians 1:21-24: (NASB) <sup>21</sup>Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. <sup>22</sup>I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea which were in Christ; <sup>23</sup>but only, they kept hearing, He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith which he once tried to destroy. <sup>24</sup>And they were **glorifying <1392>** God because of me.

He was able to say *they were glorifying God because of me* but not because he was great, but because he had been so awful and turned around by the grace of God through Jesus. His word, zeal and teachings were amazing to them because he was so sincere. They were glorifying God because of this man who turned his whole life around. Paul showed us the path he came through and the glory given to God because of it.

Our lives, zeal, passion, study, fellowship and witnessing should have that same kind of passion wherever possible.



### “To God be the Glory,” (Glory excerpt)

Give Him the glory, great things He hath done  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

### Glory goes to God - or SHOULD go to Him naturally - after all, look at who we are:

1 Corinthians 1:26-29: (NASB) <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; <sup>27</sup>but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, <sup>28</sup>and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no man may boast before God.



Giving God Glory Lesson:



**What about when we are facing trauma and tragedy?  
Is it even possible to glorify God when such things happen?**

By now we realize that the act of glorifying God is not an emotional reaction; it is a chosen response. If we continue in a faithful path, our life experiences can be a looking glass for others to look through and see firsthand why God is so completely worthy of being given glory at all times and in all challenges.

**Psalms 86:9-11:** (NASB) <sup>9</sup>All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and they shall **glorify <3513>** Your name. <sup>10</sup>For You are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God. <sup>11</sup>Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

**Unite my heart to fear Your name - Walking through trial in God's truth with a UNITED HEART. How do we unite our own hearts?**



*It is Well With My Soul* is a hymn written in 1873 by Horatio Spafford, composed by Philip Bliss. Excerpted from Wikipedia: In 1871, Horatio Spafford, a prosperous lawyer and Presbyterian church elder and his wife, Anna, were living with their four young daughters in Chicago. In November 1873, Anna and the children set sail for Europe with a group of friends. Horatio stayed behind, detained by business. On November 21, the ocean liner collided with a British vessel and sank within minutes. Anna was rescued, but all the children drowned. Horatio received the tragic news in a telegram from Anna that read: "Saved alone. What shall I do?" Horatio immediately left for England to bring his wife home. Crossing the Atlantic, the captain of the ship came to Spafford and said that they were approaching the area where the ship went down that had his wife and daughters on board. There Spafford wrote the lyrics of the hymn.



“It is Well with My Soul,” (Verse One) Anthem Lights

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well with my soul  
It is well (it is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul



To unite our heart, we first must realize the context for all our experiences is discipleship:

**2 Corinthians 4:7-10:** (NASB) <sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; (our reason to glory) <sup>8</sup>we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. <sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in earthen vessels - but these are fragile. And that helps me get through ....to have our hearts unified, we need to focus on what the most important thing is.

We have this treasure in earthen vessels - which is fragile. The Apostle talks about all that happened to him, but he was always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. He always remembered discipleship to help him get through what broke his heart.

To have our hearts unified, we need to focus on what the most important thing is. Paul showed us a fighter’s mentality built upon humility and faith.

**Psalm 86:11:** (NASB) Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

We cannot reverence God unless our hearts are united.



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- And this is what leads us to the fourth way to glorify God which is by serving other people. One of my favorite quotes of all times comes from the movie *Chariots of Fire*. The movie is about a Christian runner who ran in the Olympics and in this movie Eric Liddell says, “I believe God made me for a purpose, but He also made me fast, and when I run I feel His pleasure.” Our gifts and talents are part of what makes each of us uniquely separate and special. And when we use those gifts, not only for ourselves, but to serve a higher purpose, that’s when we bring God glory. Paul put it this way: “As each of us have received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s very grace, in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.”

Serve Others

When our hearts are going through a difficult trial, taking the focus off ourselves can give us purpose and direction. It can get us out of the mire from thinking about our own situation.



## To unite our own heart, we must secondly realize the purpose of our most difficult experiences:

**Romans 5:2-5:** (NASB) <sup>2</sup>through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we **exult <2744>** (to glory or boast) in hope of the **glory <1391>** (root word for <1392>) of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only this, but we also **exult <2744>** in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; <sup>4</sup>and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

What do we do when we cannot see the development process of the previous text? Does our being lost in a trial give glory to God? We need to trust Him where we cannot trace Him. Eventually in hindsight we can see the amazing lessons the Lord has taught us through trials and difficulties. We can still have faith and hope that the Lord will see us through. That glorifies God in itself.

We can have faith and hope even though we are still overwhelmed and questioning. Even if all we have is knowing that somewhere out there, God is bigger, that is a glory to God!

**Romans 8:28:** (KJV) *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

This applies even to hardship.

What does NOT give glory to God is turning our back on Him, throwing away the towel, walking away from our Christian walk because of difficulties. That glorifies Satan. Sometimes we rationalize our way into acting in inappropriate ways.

**When we acquiesce to God's will, that honors Him. - Rick's Uncle Steve**



Uncle Steve was a powerful influence on me. When I was a young Christian, there were issues and I would sit in front of him and say, "I don't get it. Why can't we just \_\_\_\_\_?" Fire would be coming out of my eyes and smoke out of my ears, and he would smile and let me go on. He would say, "Very good. I love what you say. Now let's think about this." He would break it down for me in steps I could understand.

**All our actions, as well as our thoughts and words, should praise Him who always blesses us. - Charles Spurgeon**



### "Praise You in the Storm," (Verse One) Casting Crowns

I was sure by now,  
God you would have reached down  
And wiped our tears away  
Stepped in and saved the day  
But once again, I say amen  
That it's still raining  
As the thunder rolls  
I barely hear your whisper through the rain  
I'm with you  
And as your mercy falls  
I raise my hands and praise  
The God who gives and takes away



And I'll praise you in this storm  
And I will lift my hands  
That you are who you are  
No matter where I am  
And every tear I've cried  
You hold in your hand  
You never left my side  
And though my heart is torn  
I will praise you in this storm

**Paul next makes a united heart very personal:**

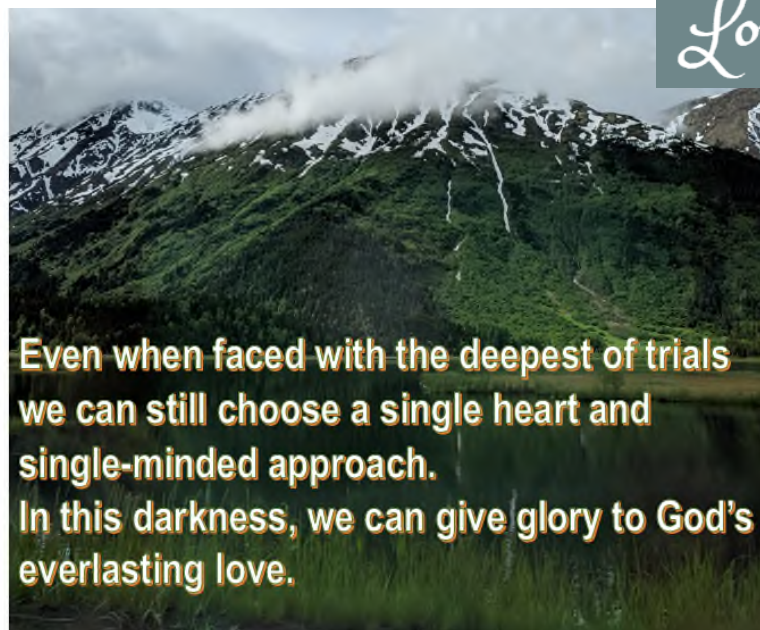
**2 Corinthians 12:7-10:** (NASB) <sup>7</sup>Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me - to keep me from exalting myself!

The Apostle had something wrong he wanted removed so he could work harder in God's service...

<sup>8</sup>Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. <sup>9</sup>And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

When we are in our times of trial and great difficulty, let's remember the Apostle's attitude here. When we are weak, automatically our own strength cannot do it. We want to reach out for the strength of God through Christ to give us the courage to take the next step.

Giving God Glory Lesson:



When we are tried most severely is when His love shines the most brightly.



### Our character and our deepest trials can glorify God. What about all of the things we do?

We have seen our responsibility to give glory to God and His:

- eternal JUSTICE, by being patient with His plan
- eternal WISDOM, by becoming who we are called to be
- eternal LOVE, by His overruling care in our deepest trials

There is one key attribute of God’s character left - giving glory to His eternal POWER.

**Psalms 86:9-12:** (NASB) <sup>9</sup>All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and they shall **glorify <3513>** Your name. <sup>10</sup>For You are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God. <sup>11</sup>Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name. <sup>12</sup>I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and will **glorify <3513>** Your name forever.



#### “How Can I Keep from Singing,” (Verse One) SHeDAISY

How can I keep (how can I keep)  
 How can I keep from singing  
 My life flows on in endless song  
 Above earth’s lamentation  
 I hear the sweet (I hear the sweet)  
 The far off hill (the far off hill)  
 That hails a new, a new creation  
 Through all the tumbled and the strife  
 I hear the music ringing  
 It finds an echo (echo)  
 In my soul (in my soul)  
 How can I keep from singing

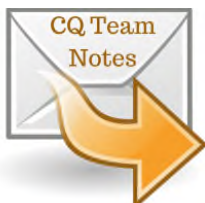
Once our heart is united within ourselves, we now proceed by uniting with others of the same heart/mind:

**Romans 15:6-9:** (NASB) <sup>6</sup>so that with one accord you may with one voice **glorify <1392>** the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the **glory <1391>** of God.

With one accord you may with one voice - when there is harmony, there is one voice. The beauty of harmony is that it belongs together. Jesus accepted us; therefore, we must work with each other.

<sup>8</sup>For I say that Christ has become a servant to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises given to the fathers, <sup>9</sup>and for the Gentiles to **glorify <1392>** God for His mercy; as it is written, Therefore I will give praise (acknowledge openly and joyfully) to you among the gentiles, and I will sing to your name.

They were to glorify God by working together.



CQ contributor comment: For myself, I think of glorifying God as the purpose behind all of your actions. Glorifying God is something that can be determined by our talents but also our time. How we use our time in service of Him or His people (in the church or otherwise), and with the decisive mindset that what we are doing is for HIM makes it no longer about ourselves.



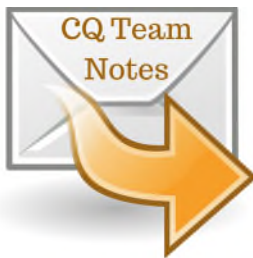
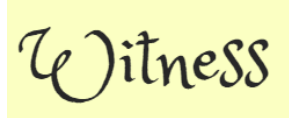
### An example of Jesus always giving the glory to God with the raising of Lazarus:

John 11:41,42: (NASB) <sup>41</sup> So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised his eyes, and said, Father, I thank You that You have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that You always hear me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent me.

This was the most amazing miracle of his entire ministry and he publically said, “I want them to see it’s You, not me.”

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- And last but not least, we bring glory to God by telling other people about Him. 2 Corinthians 4:13 talks about when we share God’s grace to those around us, it leads to a greater glory of God. By us sharing the Gospel to others and introducing them to Jesus, then we get to participate in the plan of salvation in helping to prepare people for eternity.



A CQ Team Member suggests: You can glorify God in your prayer life. It’s what you say to God including your doubts and fears because it shows your heart’s honesty. You can glorify God in your thoughts and actions if you think and do the Lord’s will. Bible studies are God’s communication with you. You can even glorify God when depressed, if you look to God and still do these things.



### Next, we thoroughly monitor our actions so they will bring glory to God:

1 Peter 4:11-14,16: (NASB) <sup>11</sup>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 <1392> through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

When you speak, make sure your words are godly. When you serve, make sure it is a godly service. Too much of Christianity gets focused on doing things and receiving applause and adulation. It is okay to congratulate someone and say how much their service meant. We do not want to go down the road of not saying anything positive to anyone so they do not take the glory. That is an extreme in the wrong direction. Be honest with one another. If we do not praise someone for doing a good job, we are stifling a little of the reflection of the glory of God. Put it out there and let them say, “Thank you, I worked really hard. By God’s grace it happened.”

### We are again reminded of the God-glorifying value of our trials:

<sup>12</sup>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; <sup>13</sup>but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory <1391> you may rejoice with exultation. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.... <sup>16</sup>but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify <1392> God in this name.

To the degree you share in sufferings of Christ, keep rejoicing. The Apostle does not say the sufferings will all go away. We are to glorify God whether it works out or not.



**"How Can I Keep from Singing," (Verse Two) *SHeDAISY***

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart  
A fountain ever springing  
All things are mine since I am his  
How can I keep from singing  
Since Christ is Lord (since Christ is Lord)  
Of heaven and earth (of heaven and earth)  
How can I keep from singing

Sometimes life does not work out like a song; sometimes it is more like a nightmare, full of tragedy. That does not mean we cannot still have a song in our heart, even if it is quiet and unsure. Just that little bit of hope and faith can give God glory.

Giving God Glory Lesson:



Life comes at us from all different directions and breaks us down, causing us to doubt. It does not mean we stop glorifying God. Find that little crack of light in the distance. When you live a life of giving glory to God, you are living a good life.

***So, what does it mean to glorify God?  
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions...  
Think about it...!***





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Ep. #1030: Where is the Kingdom  
Jesus Told us to Pray For?

***Nature is the one song of praise that never stops singing. – Richard Rohr***

***The highest form of worship is the worship of unselfish Christian service. The greatest form of praise is the sound of consecrated feet seeking out the lost and helpless. – Billy Graham***

***Nothing is more effective than sincere, accurate praise, and nothing is more lame than a cookie-cutter compliment. – Bill Walsh***

A few other verses that teach about glorifying God:

This first verse speaks of a body of Christ member being honored.

**Notice how that is treated - one is honored but ALL share in it.**

**THAT is a glory to God:**

**1 Corinthians 12:24-26:** (NASB) <sup>24</sup>whereas our more presentable members have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked, <sup>25</sup>so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is **honored <1392>**, all the members rejoice with it.

**This next verse speaks of glorifying God based on our mutual support of one another:**

**2 Corinthians 9:10-13:** (NASB) <sup>10</sup>Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; <sup>11</sup>you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup>For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will **glorify <1392>** God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all,

**This next verse speaks of Paul “glorifying” his ministry in order to get the attention of his Jewish brethren - he does not glorify himself - he glorifies God by giving attention to God’s work:**

**Romans 11:11-15:** (NASB) <sup>11</sup>I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous. <sup>12</sup>Now if their transgression is riches for the world and their failure is riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be! <sup>13</sup>But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of Gentiles, I **magnify <1392>** my ministry, <sup>14</sup>if somehow I might move to jealousy my fellow countrymen and save some of them. <sup>15</sup>For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?



**This verse emphasizes glory being given to the word of God as the Gospel spreads:**

**2 Thessalonians 3:1-5:** (NASB) *<sup>1</sup>Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be **glorified <1392>**, just as it did also with you; <sup>2</sup>and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith. <sup>3</sup>But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. <sup>4</sup>We have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will continue to do what we command. <sup>5</sup>May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.*

**This verse emphasizes our personal responsibility to bring glory to God by our personal morality:**

**1 Corinthians 6:18-20:** (NASB) *<sup>18</sup>Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>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? <sup>20</sup>For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.*

**This verse emphasizes our awesome privilege of being vessels of God’s glory for the benefit of all:**

**1 Peter 2:9-12:** (NASB) *<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; <sup>10</sup>for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. <sup>12</sup>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 <1392>** God in the day of visitation.*

**Full definitions of the main word for glorify from the Old and New Testaments:**

**Worship/Honor:** Strongs #3513, kabad or kated; to be heavy, i.e. in a bad sense (burdensome, severe, dull) or in a good sense (numerous, rich, honorable); causatively, to make weighty (in the same two senses)

The King James Version translates this as *honor* 34 times, *glorify* 14 times, *honorable* 14 times, *heavy* 13 times, *harden* 7 times, *glorious* 5 times, *sore* 3 times, *made heavy* 3 times, *chargeable* 2 times, *great* 2 times, *many* 2 times, *heavier* 2 times, *promote* 2 times, (other individual words) 10 times

Lexicon 1) to be heavy, be weighty, be grievous, be hard, be rich, be honorable, be glorious, be burdensome, be honored

1a) (Qal); 1a1) to be heavy; 1a2) to be heavy, be insensible, be dull; 1a3) to be honored

1b) (Niphal); 1b1) to be made heavy, be honored, enjoy honor, be made abundant; 1b2) to get oneself glory or honor, gain glory

1c) (Piel); 1c1) to make heavy, make dull, make insensible; 1c2) to make honorable, honor, glorify; 1d) to be made honorable, be honored

1e) (Hiphil); 1e1) to make heavy; 1e2) to make heavy, make dull, make unresponsive; 1e3) to cause to be honored

1f) (Hithpael); 1f1) to make oneself heavy, make oneself dense, make oneself numerous; 1f2) to honor oneself

**Glory:** Strongs #1392 doxazo; to render (or esteem) glorious (in a wide application) 1) to think, suppose, be of opinion; 2) to praise, extol, magnify, celebrate; 3) to honor, do honor to, hold in honor



**Lexicon:** 1) to think, suppose, be of opinion; 2) to praise, extol, magnify, celebrate;  
3) to honor, do honor to, hold in honor; 4) to make glorious, adorn with lustre,  
clothe with splendor; 4a) to impart glory to something, render it excellent;  
4b) to make renowned, render illustrious; 4b1) to cause the dignity and worth of some person  
or thing to become manifest and acknowledged

