

How to Glorify God

Psalm 29:1-2, 1 Cor. 10:31

Christians have as their ultimate aim and design, the glory of God. God created us to bring honor and glory to His name (Psalm 29:1-2). Glorifying God is revealing His nature and character to the watching world that they may recognize His glory (1 Chro. 16:24, 27-29). We were created to glorify God (Rom.11:36). It is His purpose (1 Pet. 4:9) and command (Isa. 42:12).

As Christians, our motive, our theme, our goal, our reason, our purpose is wrapped up in this one thing - to give the Lord glory in everything we do. Consider two aspects in this matter of glorifying God:

1. *The _____ of Glorifying God*

- a. *Through our _____*
God is glorified when He occupies our highest thoughts (Psa. 92:8, 97:9) for only in God will we find the greatest wonder and highest delight in life.
 - b. *Through our _____*
God is glorified in our worship (Psalm 29:2; 86:12; 95:6,9; 96:4-9; 99:5,9; Rev. 4:11; 7:12). Because He is very protective of His glory (Isa. 42:8), He demands sole worship.
 - c. *Through our _____*
God is glorified when He is loved (Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22:37). This is to love God indeed; the heart is set upon God, as a man's heart is set upon his treasure.
 - d. *Through our _____*
God is glorified when we dedicate ourselves to His service (Heb. 9:14, 1 Thess. 1:9).
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2. *The _____ of Glorifying God*

- a. *When we _____ Him in everything we do*
God must be the ultimate end of all actions (Exo. 20:1-4; Mark 12:30; Matt. 6:33). Putting God first above anything in life shows our utmost reverence for Him (John 8:50).
 - b. *When we are _____ Spirit*
Glorifying God means reflecting His character. The more God possess us, the more we become like Him. A Spirit-filled life (Eph. 5:18-19) glorifies God (Psalm 50:23).
 - c. *When we _____ for His sake*
In glorifying God, there is the element of sacrifice (Mark 8:34). Glory is associated with Christ's suffering (John 12:27-28), in the believer's suffering (Gal. 6:17, 2 Cor. 12:10; Phil. 1:29), and even in Peter's death (John 218-19; cf. 1 Peter 4:14).
 - d. *When we _____ Him*
God is glorified when we serve Him (Heb. 9:14, John 15:8, Phil. 1:9-11; John 15:8).
 - e. *When we _____*
God's people are to honor Him with their lives (1 Pet. 2:9,11-12). And their sinful lifestyle brings shame to God (Rom. 2:24).
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God has given us the great privilege, the wonderful opportunity and the awesome responsibility to mirror, reflect and reveal His majesty and splendor through our lives. Let us therefore make it our primary aim and goal to live for His glory alone.