

Assurance of Salvation
Part 82

Glorifying God:

HOW to glorify God (7)

"WE MUST GLORIFY GOD."
(It's a moral obligation.)
God's people delight in doing so.

Today, PART 7 of:
HOW to glorify God!

ISSUES TO COVER

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- The REMINDER
- 3 more "HOW's"

The REMINDER!

"Glorifying God"
involves VALUES / CHOICES.

- **IF** your values/choices do not agree with Scripture, **THEN** you are not glorifying God.
(This means you are not following Jesus.)
- **IF** this characterizes the way you live, **THEN** you are not saved.

THE "HOW" LIST

Starting today with #13.
(We've already looked at the first 12.)

"How do we glorify God?"

13) WE GLORIFY GOD when we live our "daily life" with God in mind.

Remember this passage? (We've seen it many times.)
– It applies to all of life!

Whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do, you must do all for the glory of God.

1 Cor. 10:31 (NLT)

- There is to be a God-honoring purpose in all that we do.

Some examples

✓ **When you eat –**

- Do you "live to eat" or "eat to live"?
- Is your goal:
 - **gluttony** (which you know is sin)*
 - or **energy** (for serving God, interacting with other people, etc.)?

* (If you don't know it's sin... go to the next page.)

Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat, for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags.

Proverbs 23:20-21 (NIV)

(See also Proverbs 28:7.)

Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach,* and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.

Philip. 3:19 (NIV)

* (This "food" issue represents an entire set of values. It's not just a matter of calories.)



✓ **At work –**

- Do you dishonor God by cutting corners on quality and accuracy? (Laziness is a sin.)

The one who is slack in his work is a brother to one who destroys.

Proverbs 18:9 (NET)

The LORD abhors dishonest scales, but an accurate weight is his delight.

Proverbs 11:1 (NET)



Time for my "nightly nap"!

Nobody will ever find out!

- Even if people don't know, God does.

(But we think things will be different tonight.)

THE MIDNIGHT GUARD

✓ **In your "free time" –**

- Time is not "free" to waste. That's what moral fools do.



So be careful how you live, not as **fools** but as those who are **wise**.

Make the most of every opportunity for doing good in these evil days.

Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do.

Ephes. 5:15-17 (NLT)

- The "free" part of "free time" is this:

*You are free to **demonstrate your values** by what you choose to do.*

- God gives us many enjoyable ways that we can honor God!

And people should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God.

Eccles. 3:13 (NLT)

- God gives us many enjoyable ways ... **UNLESS we prefer to sin**.

Be happy, young man, while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth.

Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see,

but know that for all these things God will bring you to judgment.

Eccles. 11:9 (NIV)

[We don't need to fear this judgment if we love what God loves!]

✓ **The things we say –**

- We will be held accountable for everything we say.

Careless speaking comes when there are too many words.

Eccles. 5:3b (GW)



JESUS' 100% GUARANTEE:

"I can guarantee that on judgment day people will have to give an account of every careless word they say."

Matthew 12:36 (GW)

Excuses

Many people make excuses when they sin in these matters. They treat their sins as "minor issues" that can be ignored.

"After all, I'm not killing someone!"

- These "minor" sins are the outworking of God-dishonoring attitudes.
 - To love them is to hate God.
 - They are all it takes for a person to earn eternal death.

"I'm saved, so I can do anything I want, and still get to heaven!"

- **This statement is a contradiction!**
- If you are saved, the Holy Spirit is in you, and will convict you when you aren't honoring God.
- If you enjoy even "little" sins, all it shows is that the Spirit of God is not in you.

For the grace of God that brings salvation ... **teaches us to say "No"** to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ...

Titus 2:11-12 (NIV)

"It's a neutral activity, so it doesn't matter how I do it!"

- When God says that all things must be done in a way that honors him, it shows us that nothing is "neutral."
- **All things occur within a context** of values, motives, attitudes, etc.
 - Even solving math problems is done within a context!

WE NEED TO KEEP COMING BACK TO THIS VERSE!

Whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do, you must **do all** for the glory of God.

1 Cor. 10:31 (NLT)

The "Golden Rule" has a biblical basis, and is a good people-centered focus.

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:12 (NIV)

But we also need to have to have a God-centered focus.

Whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do, you must **do all for the glory of God**.

1 Cor. 10:31 (NLT)

Golden Rule

14) WE GLORIFY GOD when we work to bring other people to God.

- The greatest expression of love we can have is to bring someone to Christ.
 - Or at least to try (since they may refuse to come).

– IN CONTRAST –

- The greatest expression of hate is to keep silent about salvation!

How we live will influence whether or not people come to God.

- A hypocritical, contradictory life will turn people away from God.

As Scripture says, "God's name is cursed among the nations because of you."

Romans 2:24 (GW)

However, conduct is not enough.

- If you don't actually say something about salvation, people cannot be saved.

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him?
And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him?

And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

Romans 10:14 (NLT)

Genuine faith is not mute!

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken."
With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, ...

2 Cor. 4:13 (NIV)



- You can't find a "keep quiet about it" command anywhere in Scripture.

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Where did the "keep quiet" view come from?

"Use words-s-s-s only if neces-s-s-s-sary."

"They're probably not neces-s-s-s-sary."

- It's the false gospel that downplays the use of words.

- But Scripture says that words are always necessary!



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Not gifted in speaking?

- You are gifted in something.
- We can work together as a group, so that people can hear the good news.

... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ...

Philip. 1:5 (NIV)

15) WE GLORIFY GOD when we suffer for God.

- **But make sure it is for God!**

After all, if it is God's will, it's better to suffer for doing good than for doing wrong.

1 Peter 3:17 (GW)

Yes, it can mean dying for Jesus.

They overcame him [the devil, their accuser] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

Rev. 12:11 (NIV)

More often, it means living for Jesus.

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, ...

Philip. 1:29 (NIV)

SURPRISE! God can use your suffering to accomplish good!

- **GOOD!** Both for you and for others. Many Scripture passages show this.
- Here's a passage that describes some good it accomplishes for YOU:

Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Romans 5:3-4 (NIV)

**YOUR MISSION:
Live GENUINE life!**

Are you willing to live for God...

- ... In all that you do?
- ... By sharing the good news about salvation?
(speaking directly to people, or working together with other believers who are more capable)
- And when the wicked don't like you doing what is right...
- ... By suffering for him?

THE "GLORY" MANIFESTO

- **I want to live "everyday life" in a way that honors God.**
 - This includes the so-called "minor" things of life.
- **I want to share the good news with others.**
 - Working together with other believers, since God gives different people different gifts.

THE "GLORY" MANIFESTO

- **I am willing to suffer for Jesus, whether in life or in death.**
 - An expression of love for him who suffered so much more for me!

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