

Living For The Glory Of God

Introduction

A. How do you measure the value of daily life? Too often we use the yardstick of pleasure or the gaining of possessions. It was the Lord Jesus Who said;

Take heed and beware of covetousness, for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Luke 12:15

. . . That which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. Luke 16:15

B. What is the true measure of life? We have often heard it said; "Live for the glory of God.: This is the true measure, we grant that, but what does this mean?

I. God is Glorified through Thanksgiving, Luke 17:14-16.

And when He saw them (the lepers), He said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving him thanks, and he was a Samaritan.

Observation: God is honored and glorified when we recognize His goodness and thank Him. We cannot imagine what it would mean to have leprosy and then to be cleansed. However, all believers know what it means to be a sinner and then to be pardoned! We must thank Him.

II. God is Glorified through Stating the Truth, Luke 23:46,47.

And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, Father into Thy hands I commend My spirit, and having said thus, He gave up the ghost. Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

Observation: The centurion had seen many men die. When he observed how the Lord Jesus Christ died he made a statement about the Lord which was true. This remarkable incident reminds us of the importance of truth to God. He is honored and glorified when we state the truth.

III. God is Glorified through the Believer's Prayer Life, John 14:13.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Observation: When the Christian prays, his expression of faith, love and hope all pleases God and displays the provision God has made for His children. He is also glorified through the answers He brings into our lives. Through prayer we glorify God

IV. God is Glorified through the Believer Bearing Fruit, John 15:8.

Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be My disciples.

Observation: Fruit, in this passage, is the product of the vine (the Lord Jesus), through the branches (Christians). From this clear illustration we realize He is referring to those attitudes and actions which reflect His attributes and character. We must be people of love not selfishness; people of truth not pretense; people of holiness not sensuality.

V. God is Glorified through the Testimony of Salvation, Galatians 1:23,24.

But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. And they glorified God in me.

Observation: When God broke the heart of the stubborn Pharisee Saul and changed him from a persecutor to a disciple He thereby displayed the power of His grace. The believers at that time praised God for the salvation of Saul. Our salvation can also be used to His glory.

VI. God is Glorified through the Believer's Good Works, I Peter 2:12.

Having your conversation (daily life) honest among the Gentiles, that whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Observation: The Christian never knows the value of his consistent, Biblical daily life. To do "good works" without being a "do gooder" enables the Holy Spirit to bring people to Himself. God is glorified through our honest daily life.

VII. God is Glorified through the Believer Dispensing God's Grace, I Peter 4:10,11.

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God ... that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ

Observation: All believers have been made God's "stewards". We have been given gifts so we may dispense the grace of God to others. through this service - God is glorified.

VIII. God is Glorified through Repentance, Revelation 16:9.

And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues, and they repented not to give Him glory.

Observation: In this time of Tribulation God brought severe trials upon men so that they would reflect upon their need and repent. Instead of doing that - they turned on God in blasphemy. We realize that this event is yet before us in time. Our repentance has glorified Him, we have acknowledged the truth, and turned from our sin. With that God is pleased and honored.

Conclusion: The Bible reminds us that we can glorify God in all we do, I Cor. 10:31. This should be our daily goal. This measures the value of our life.