

SOME PILLARS OF CHURCH LIFE

ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Glory: Define it!

Ultimately we mean drawing attention to His greatness and giving Him the honor He is due.

1 Chronicles 16:11

Is My Life Me-Centered or God-Centered?

Your life is meant to make much of God, draw attention to Him.

You can pursue your greatest joy as long as that is making much of God.

This means that your enjoyment of everything needs to come back to the connection with God.

Various Ways to Say It

1 Corinthians 10:31

Eating and drinking—everything done for God's glory. Even your "freedoms in Christ" must not trump glorifying God or your freedoms have become sin.

Romans 11:36-12:2

Everything is God's. Our lives are meant to be lived in service to Him. This will take the transformation of our minds.

1 Peter 4:11

Speak God's words. Serve in God's strength. In all things God is to be praised through Jesus.

Colossians 3:17-4:1

Serving in all the relationships you have, speaking to anyone, in fact, every action you do falls in to this passage.

Is there anything that you can do apart from God's glory? No way!

So, what does that mean practically? How can we do things to God's glory?

- Obedience in every situation you are in. If you obey, you are bringing glory to God since you cannot obey on your own.
- Reflection on all of God's gifts to you.
- Having godly thoughts (a renewed mind *Romans 12:1-2*)
- Taking all of life seriously-viewing it in light of the cross and God's purposes.
- Having joy in all circumstances glorifies God.
- Thankfulness brings glory to God.
- Confronting in the right way glorifies God.
- Giving grace when necessary glorifies God.
- Working at whatever you do *with all your heart* glorifies God. *Colossians 3:23*
- Praying glorifies God.
- Meditating on and studying scripture glorifies God.
- Loving others selflessly glorifies God.

Recognize ***none of this is meant to be a legalistic checklist*** to tell you when you are or are not glorifying God in a specific action. The point is simply to *live life actively rather than passively*. Are you letting things happen to you or are you coming prepared? Reflect, meditate, adjust as necessary. Your relationship to God should impact every moment of your life. Scripture should inform every moment of your life.