

Living for God's Glory

Scripture Reading — 1 Corinthians 10:23-33

Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. — 1 Corinthians 10:31

In his discussion on Christian freedom, the apostle Paul touches on some important principles for following Jesus. While emphasizing our personal freedom in Christ, he urges that we respect where others are in their spiritual maturity. Embedded in this discussion is the most important principle for Christian living: in everything we do, we are to live for God's glory.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism lays out this lasting principle using the question "What is the chief end of man?" And it answers with a timeless, bedrock declaration: "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever."

Though we have all been created to glorify God, because of our sin and rebellion against him we live only to glorify and enjoy ourselves. And the -tyranny of self-glorification brings us no enjoyment, just unending misery.

But, praise God, when we've been saved by grace through faith, the Holy Spirit begins to reorient our lives, nudging, prompting, stirring us to live not for ourselves but for God. And as we grow in glorifying our Lord and Savior, we discover our true, lasting joy and purpose *in God alone*.

Whatever you do today—from the most mundane chore to making the most weighty decision—do it all for God's glory.

Prayer

By your grace, Father, help us to grow in knowing and loving you and those around us. For only in glorifying you do we fully discover whom you made us to be. Amen.

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