

Joining God's Team
For God's Glory Part 1
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Day 1

Not only is “for God’s glory” the culmination of the personal vision statement but it is the core purpose of our lives. And, as we live our lives for the glory of God, it elevates and fulfills us and gives ultimate guidance for our lives. As we gain glimpses of the holiness, goodness and the glory of God, we begin to see, I am made for this. To live for the glory and honor of God!

Defining the glory of God is tricky because it’s more similar to the idea of duty or beauty than it is to a physical object. God’s glory has a weight to it that we don’t often think about.

It’s the same idea expressed in the Lords Prayer:

*“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,*

The ultimate purpose of life and creation is God’s glory, to live for the glory of God.

The rest of the vision statement can end differently: b/c I’m a great guy; b/c I want to make a difference; b/c I want to validate my life; b/c I want to find significance. All of these miss the final and ultimate point of life. It’s easy to make the vision statement about me.

Isa. 48:9-11 delay my wrath... refined you... for My own sake. My glory not yielded to another.

This idea is completely different than a typical American ideal.

Day 2

Why is God's glory the ultimate purpose?

He is ultimate.

Our tendency is to “man-center” everything. Instead, all of life is meant to be lived with God-centered—His holiness, His righteousness, His faithfulness, His mercy, His compassion, etc.

“It is the infinite beauty and the greatness of His perfections.” This is true whether or not we agree with it or like it. Nothing else can be ultimate.

*...For my own name's sake I delay my wrath;
for the sake of my praise I hold it back from you,
so as not to destroy you completely...*

After reading Isa 48, either God is a cosmic ego-maniac or He is the one we should worship. God delays His wrath. Why?

This is how He has established the world.

Either our lives are lived for **His** glory and honor or our lives are lived for **our** glory and honor. We are elevated when we honor Him. If we live for our honor and glory, we cannot live healthily that way. We are not made to live that way. It will drain us and the people around us. No one can have two masters.

Day 3

When we live for our own glory?

When we choose to live for our own glory instead of for God's glory, there are a few things that tend to happen;

- We become disappointed, like we are running on a hamster wheel.
- We end up manipulating others to get our own way.
- We Become ego-maniacs, getting what I want is most important. Which will destroy us eventually.
- We Mess up our key relationships.

What's the Opposite of that? What does living for Gods Glory do instead?

- Peace
- Freedom
- Purpose

Ask God to help you see His glory!!!

Day 4

“I want people to think highly of me.”

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Gal. 1:10

Grasping glory for ourselves is the opposite of what we should be doing. Compared to the glory of God we are so very insignificant.

John Hawkins, the man behind our life vision statement and leadership edge had a student leader in Pennsylvania who had a baby. They ended up naming him Andrew Hawkins. John thought the guy was playing a joke. “No, really, what’s the baby’s name?” “His name is Andrew Hawkins.” This was a Light bulb moment for John

He felt like his life was such a wreck when he was younger, to now have someone name their child after him was overwhelming. He told that man, “I pray I will continue to live in such a manner that your son can follow my example.”

Off the phone: John lifted up this story to God—a testimony to the grace of God in John’s life. This is for You. This is of You... for Your glory and honor.

Day 5

Takeaways:

*“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.” (Isa. 6:3)*

Satan has blinded the eyes of people but we need eyes to see so that we can fulfill our purpose in this life. Have you ever woken up in the morning with so much sleep in your eye, it crusted over? Some of us need to have that crust removed.

Everything points to God’s glory and beauty. This is what we were made for. This is what God is drawing us to.

True fulfillment is rooted in living for God’s glory. Living for anything or anyone less than that will leave us with a level of hunger and emptiness that we cannot explain.

It Can’t be both, **His** glory and **my** glory.

Praying for eyes to see His glory.