

# Calibrating Our Hearts

## To God's Glory

### Introduction

1. The Two Aspects of God's Glory<sup>1</sup>
  - A. Intrinsic (Ex 33:18-34:7) – belongs to God and we see it<sup>2</sup>
  - B. Ascriptive (Ps 96:7-8; 1 Cor 6:20; 10:31) – due to God and we give it
  
2. We must understand why we all need to glorify God with our lives (Ps 50:21; Jer 9:23-24; Jn 4:21-24; 1 Cor 10:31; Col 3:17)<sup>3</sup>
  - A. Because of who God is
  
  - B. Because of what God has done, is doing and will do for us (Ps 103; 145; Isa 40; Rom 1-11; Eph 1-2; 1 Pt 1:13)
  
  - C. Because we were all created for it (Deut 10:12; Isa 43:7; Rom 1:18-25; 1 Cor 1:31; 10:31; 2 Cor 5:14-15; 10:17; Eph 3:20-21; Col 1:15-19; Jude 24-25)
    - The Westminster Confession of Faith -“Man's chief end...”
    - Remember – 2 Cor 5:9 in light of 2 Tim 3:4
  
  - D. Because He expects it exclusively and we will answer to Him - 1 Cor 3:10-15; 2 Cor 5:9-10
    - (this needs to be the 'spiritual north' on our heart's compass)
  
3. We must grasp that In our present situation it is most Important that we Glorify God (Ps 25:14; 119:68; Prov 13:15; 1 Cor 10:31; Jas 4:6-10)
  
4. We must recognize what is standing in the way (possibilities)
  - A. A \_\_\_\_\_ perspective – Mat 6:24-34
  - B. Other life agendas (idols must be explored) – Jer 9:23-24; 1 Jn 2:15-17
  - C. The consuming desire or expectation to be \_\_\_\_\_ from trial – 2 Cor 12:7-10
  - D. A lack of true salvation/regeneration – Rom 1:18-25; Phil 2:12-13

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<sup>1</sup> “The to-and-for of seeing glory in God and giving glory to God is the true fulfillment of human nature as its heart” J.I.Packer, Concise Theology, p.59.

<sup>2</sup> God's glory is revealed in Creation (Ps 19), Providence (Ex 14; Josh 2) and in Redemption (2 Cor 4:6; Heb 1:3), from Brian Russell, I AM, ps.235-236

<sup>3</sup> Dr. John Frame writes, “ is to image Him, to put His charctaer on display.”

- E. Unconfessed sin – Ps 51 (cf Ps 32)
  - F. Imbalance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ (in the broad sense)
  - G. Omission of seeking after the One and True God (Ps 119:10; Prv 8:17; Jer 2:13; Rev 2:5)
  - H. Etc.
5. We must know what it practically means to Glorify God
- A. They Must know that there are many ways for us to Glorify God  
(However, we perhaps can sum them up by saying that we Glorify God when we worship God alone with our \_\_\_\_\_ (what we desire, seek, delight in), with our \_\_\_\_\_ (what we say about Him) and with our \_\_\_\_\_ (how we live and what we do to serve His interests).
  - B. Breaking it down...<sup>4</sup>
    - i. By living with purpose (1 Cor 10:31; Eph 1:3-14)
    - ii. By confessing sins (Jos 7:19; 1 Jn 1:9)
    - iii. By praying expectantly (John 14:13)
    - iv. By living purely (1 Cor 6:18-20)
    - v. By submitting to Christ (Phil 2:9-11)
    - vi. By praising God (Luke 2:20; 2 Cor 4:15)
    - vii. By obeying God (2 Cor 9:13; 2 Thess 1:12)
    - viii. By growing in faith (Rom 4:20-21)
    - ix. By suffering for Christ's sake (1 Pt 4:15-16)
    - x. By rejoicing in God (1 Chr 16:10)
    - xi. By worshipping God (Ps 86:9)
    - xii. By bearing spiritual fruit (Jn 15:8)
    - xiii. By proclaiming God's Word (2 Thess 3:1)
    - xiv. By serving God's people (1 Pt 4:10-11)
    - xv. By purifying Christ's church (Eph 5:27; 2 Thess 1:10)
    - xvi. By giving sacrificially (2 Cor 9:13)
    - xvii. By unifying believers (Jn 17:22)
    - xviii. By the salvation of the lost (Ps 21:5; 1 Thess 2:12; 2 Thess 2:14)
    - xix. By shining Christ's light through a godly life of good works (Mt 5:16)
    - xx. By spreading God's gospel (2 Cor 4:15)
    - xxi. By how we die (Jn 21:19)
    - xxii. By \_\_\_\_\_ His attributes (being like Christ) - 2 Cor 3:18; Gal 5:22-23; 1 Thess 1:6
  - C. We must realize that God's glory will either be eclipsed or reflected in any and every situation

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<sup>4</sup> This list mostly from the MacArthur Bible Commentary, 1518.

6. We most likely will need 'homework' (faith-growing projects) to solidify our grasp, our commitment and our repentance/faith concerning God's Glory - Jas 1:19-27
- A. We can find \_\_\_\_\_ to study and respond to Gospel Truths. Does the Lord Jesus have our total allegiance? (Luke 14:25-35; 2 Cor 5:14-15)
  - B. We can read \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ (Man's books help to inform but remember only God's Word is inspired to transform)
  - C. We can develop a running list of God's attributes, deeds and promises.
  - D. We can make our own list of ways we are \_\_\_\_\_ God's glory.
    - We can list \_\_\_\_\_ lusts (wrong life agendas) the thoughts that go with us and how we can practice replacing them (one at a time) - by the Spirit's help
  - E. We can make our own list of ways we can reflect God's glory in our difficult situation and then come up with very specific plans to do so (involve another brother/sister to help with good accountability, Heb 3:12-13)
  - F. Meditation on Scripture into application is mandatory.<sup>5</sup>

*"Every Christian's life-purpose must be to glorify God. This is the believer's official calling. Everything we say and do, all our obedience to God's commands, all our relationships with others, all the use we make of the gifts, talents, and opportunities that God gives us, all our enduring of adverse situations and human hostility, must be so managed as to give God honor and praise for his goodness to those on whom he sets his love. Equally important is the truth that every Christian's full-time employment must be to please God...Pleasing God in everything must be our goal." J.I Packer*

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<sup>5</sup> I highly recommend David W. Saxton's book, *God's Battle Plan for the Mind* (Reformation Heritage Books, 2015).

# There is a progression to obedient faith

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\_\_\_\_\_ God

- Absolute Divine Truth
- This knowledge doesn't fluctuate neither is it uncertain

\_\_\_\_\_ of God

- Focus on God's Majesty and Goodness
- Not a slavish fear of punishment but filial reverence
- The fear of God sanctifies love

\_\_\_\_\_ God

- He is beautiful and we are attracted to Him not for what we get but just because of who He is and also to enjoy Him
- Origin of all sin is want of true love to and fear of God's majesty
- The highest affection

\_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ with  
\_\_\_\_\_ delight

## The Progression of Christlike Living

Taken from various Puritan Sources: Charnock, Swinnock, Baxter, Watson

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