

What's something you've done
that you admit was pretty selfish?





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CHASING GLORY



EPHESIANS 3:16-21

What is glory?

GLORY

praise, honor, or distinction extended to someone or something

Ephesians 3:16-19 NIV

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The love of Christ is greater than
anything we can chase in this world.

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The world is grasping for your attention.
Satan wants you to chase your own glory.

God alone is worthy of glory.

Your life is always glorifying something.

Is that “something” God?

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- Worries & anxieties
- Friend or family drama
- Screens, games, social media, laziness
- Sports / performances / competitions
- Crushes, dating
- Image (wanting to look good)
- Worrying about what others think of us
- Money & possessions

1 Peter 1:24-25 NIV

²⁴ For,

*“All people are like grass,
And all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.”*

And this is the word that was preached to you.

All worldly things that we glorify are only temporary.
God's truth, glory, and goodness are eternal.

Exodus 20:3 ESV

You shall have no other gods before me.

Judges 10:6 ESV

The people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth, the gods of Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the Ammonites, and the gods of the Philistines. And they forsook the LORD and did not serve him.

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