



## Magnify, Part 1

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### Key Scriptures:

#### **1 Corinthians 15:57**

“But **thanks be to God**, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

### Praising and Thanking God

Having hearts of praise and thanksgiving makes all the difference in our lives. It is not always easy to have a thankful heart. Life’s challenges can weigh heavily upon us, and our souls can be weighed down with many cares. When we make the choice to offer to God a sacrifice of praise we are empowered into places of victory. It is up to each of us to make the choice to magnify the Lord.

### Magnifying the Lord

#### **1. Magnifying God leads to victory.**

- a. To magnify God means to see Him greater than all else.
- b. We thank God because He gives us victory through Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:57).
  - i. We can tell our souls to remember God’s goodness, and to bless Him (Psalm 103:1-3).
- c. Keys to present and future victories are praise and thanksgiving.
  - i. These magnify the Lord over life’s problems.
- d. Sometimes it is a sacrifice to praise God through the hard times. The Bible calls this a sacrifice of praise (Hebrews 13:15).
- e. God always gives us the victory through Jesus, so we praise (2 Corinthians 2:14).

#### **2. The enemy distracts us from magnifying God.**

- a. Our thought life can be polluted by the enemy’s thoughts.
  - i. He tries to fill us with stinking thinking.
- b. The enemy tries to fill our minds with thoughts that magnify the problems and frustrations of life. He wants to fill us with doubt, anger, and anxiety.
- c. Don’t listen to the enemy when he says no one else has been through what you’re going through.

#### **3. We are to always magnify the Lord.**

- a. In everything we are to give thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:18).
  - i. We do not thank God for everything, but despite everything.
- b. Thanksgiving puts us in a position for God to show Himself strong in our lives.
- c. Jesus thanked God for the small lunch and then fed 5,000 (John 6:3-13).
  - i. We should give thanks, and value what God has given us.
  - ii. Honor what God has given us in talents and giftings.
  - iii. What we are not thankful for we are in danger of losing.
- d. Overflowing life comes from overflowing gratitude (John 10:10).

## Supportive Scriptures

- **1 Corinthians 15:57** (We have victory through Jesus.)
- **Psalms 34:1** (I will bless the Lord at all times.)
- **Hebrews 13:15** (Offer God a sacrifice of praise.)
- **2 Corinthians 2:14** (God always causes us to triumph.)
- **1 Thessalonians 5:18** (In everything give thanks.)
- **John 6:3-13** (Jesus feeds the 5,000.)
- **John 10:10** (Jesus came to give fullness of life.)
- **Psalms 103:1-3** (Bless the Lord and do not forget His benefits.)