

Ways that God is Glorified

Every Christian has the responsibility and privilege of glorifying God daily—both in body and in spirit. The Lord asks us, “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” The following things are specific applications of this command of God.

1. **Praise** – with or without music. Psalms 22:23, 50:23, 86:12 show a clear connection between praise and glorifying God.
 - Singing and playing to the LORD – Psalm 96:1-9 (the command, “give unto the LORD glory and strength; give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name” is in the context of singing); also Psalm 69:30
 - Prayer – Hannah (I Sam. 2:1-11), David (I Chron. 29:10-14), Daniel (2:17-2), and Mary (Luke 1:46-55).
 - Speaking or singing about the LORD to others – Psalm 34:1-3 & 145:1-13, 21 & Romans 15:6
2. **Giving thanks**
 - Galatians 1:24 and II Corinthians 4:15 & 9:13-14 teach clearly that the giving of thanks glorifies God.
 - Rev. 5:8-10 (and ch. ?) are examples of prayers of thanksgiving that glorify God. According to Rev. 5:8-10, what is every child of God? _____ How does God view “the prayers of saints”? _____ This is what the altar of incense in the tabernacle pictured.
 - Philippians 4:6-7 & I Thessalonians 5:18 command the giving of thanks in prayer. What should you do every time you pray, according to Phil. 4:6-7? _____
 - Ephesians 5:20 & Colossians 3:17 show the giving of thanks as a result of being filled with the Spirit. Would this not be part of the “fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God” (Phil. 1:11)? Remember that Jesus that His Father is glorified: when we bear much fruit (John 15:8).
3. **Confession of Sin**

Joshua begged Achan to give glory to the LORD, by doing what? (Josh. 7:19) _____
4. **Good Works that others see**
 - Matthew 5:16 & I Peter 2:9-12 teach this clearly.
 - This is closely associated with the truth of bearing spiritual fruit; because that is what people see.
5. **Christ-like response to suffering and/or persecution**

I Peter 1:6, 2:17-23, and 4:14-16 teach that God allows and supervises “the trial of your faith.” What happens when believers respond Biblically / in a Christ-like way to wrong treatment or persecution?
6. **Proper use of Spiritual Gifts**

What happens when we properly use our spiritual gifts? (I Peter 4:10-11) _____

Notice that this passage puts all the gifts into two categories—speaking and serving.
God is both pleased and glorified when Christ’s body, the church, functions as He has designed it to.
7. **The Preaching of God’s Word and obedient response to It**
 - II Corinthians 4:1-7, 15-18 teach the essence of what preaching is and why it is done.
 - Acts 13:48 and Romans 15:8-10 provide examples of what Paul wrote in II Corinthians 4:15
 - When the Word is preached and people believe unto salvation, God is glorified. Romans 10:8-17, I Corinthians 15:10-11 and Ephesians 1:12-14 show God’s plan for saving people by grace through faith.
 - The goal of preaching, teaching, admonishing, and exhortation is for people to glorify God—by bearing fruit and by giving thanks. Paul was focused on the end result of God receiving glory from those he preached to.
8. **Giving** – II Corinthians 8:19, 23 and 9:13 highlight the fact that the whole process of giving, as referred to in these two chapters, brought glory to God. Giving is one of the spiritual gifts (Rom. 12:3-8) and God is glorified in a special way when believers with this gift serve other believers with it (I Peter 4:10-11).

9. Bearing much fruit

- Jesus said, “Herein is my father glorified, **that ye bear much fruit**; so shall ye be my disciples” (John 15:8). We bear much fruit when we **abide** in Christ, according to His words in John 15:4-5.
- I believe that John 15:16, “go and bring forth fruit,” speaks of the process of sowing the Seed, praying for those who hear and believe, and teaching them until they are “filled with the fruits of righteousness.” God tells us that “the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace” (James 3:18). There cannot be fruit until first there has been some sowing. When Spirit-filled people constantly live with “the wisdom that is from above” (James 3:17), and they faithfully “sow to the Spirit,” they reap “life everlasting.”
- Galatians 5:23 gives us “the fruit of the Spirit.”
- The commands in Titus 2:7-14 teach the reality that other people are affected by how we live—whether or not we bear the fruit of the Spirit. We **must** “adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.”