

How Can I Do All Things for God's Glory? (2) (2022.03.13 Sabbath school Class)

click <https://bit.ly/3KHeIMB> to hear this lesson as taught (or scan QR code→)



"How Can I Do All Things for God's Glory?" (2 of 2) in the RHB series, "Cultivating Biblical Godliness."

(The following is a machine-generated transcription. Please be aware of—and patient with—transcribing errors. If there is something confusing or obviously erroneous, you are invited to listen to the audio recording referenced above)

So let's start in prayer, gracious Lord, we thank you for this opportunity to gather to study your word and to learn more about you.

And the way that you have set this world in motion and continue it provide for it, We pray. Lord that you would open our hearts on our minds that we might to understand what you are trying to teach us and we pray that you would make our hearts and minds ready to receive your word.

This day works in Christ man. We pray in it. All right? How to glorify God number nine. We glorified God, when we submit ourselves quietly to his will, when we experience trials and tribulations and we know, I don't think it is. Anybody person here? Besides maybe the babies who haven't had some sort of trial and tribulation and their lives.

And I would even say probably the baby's have had frozen tribulations, they just don't remember them. And that's sometimes that's a grace of God. But we do have trials and tribulations, but we find that this point is kind of in parallel for what we had last week of that obedience.

Whereas it's much better for us to accept with grace, the outworking of God's providential providence in our lives than it is for us to kick and scream against God. And what he is trying to teach us there. And as always, just think not picking up.

Any better now. All right. Good. So As we usually do, we go to God's Word for examples, and for how we should be learning this. So what is a good example of somebody going through trials and tribulation and their lives? Maybe not really gracefully but Anybody Joke Dope. Yes, Jonah Ruth.

Hmm. David. All right, from Job 1, 20 and 21, then Job, arose, and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. And he said naked, I came from my mother's womb and naked. I shall return the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away blessed.

Be the name of the Lord. So how do you, what do you see that as is Joe kicking and screaming? Or is he not going along with God's will kind of like forlornly and go now. He's He is trusted in the Lord knowing that the Lord is going to bring him through this properly.

We spoke about Thomas Watson. Last week Again, he's a I can't remember a 17th century Puritan. Minister. But he said, we give God the glory of his wisdom. When we rest satisfied with Him, are with what he carves out to us. And so like Job's experience, sometimes it's hard for us to believe what we're going through is really any good for us.

But we must have faith and trust God. For God sees everything and knows everything. And we have a very limited view on what's to go in. What's going on, right? From 2nd Corinthians, 4 verses 15 to 18. So we do not lose heart Though are outer self as wasting away.

Our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light, momentary affliction is preparing for us, an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison. As we look not to the things that are seen. But to the things that are unseen, for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

So that's why I've said a lot before that, we need to have a paradigm of eternity. A lot of people, they all they see is what's in front of them. And with temporary, they really don't see the the eternal and sometimes well, not sometimes. But whenever we shift our view from what we see here and what's transient to what we have to our before us in eternity.

That's that's really where our huge should be. Um, number 10, we glorify God when we do all things for his glory. I think there's a book about that somewhere because I used to really read that, So in every area of our lives and everything that we do, everything we say everything.

We think If we do it with a conscious effort to praise God, we are glorifying him and Paul and his exhortation to the church in Corinth. And that's, I've been, if you're reading McShane, you're, you're in Corinthians right now. He says therefore whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God first Corinthians 10:31 and also Psalm 40, excuse me, Psalm 149 declares this concept very well.

Also, I mean, yeah, that's praise the Lord. Thank the Lord, a new song and his praise. He assembly of

saints. Let Israel rejoice in their maker but the children of Zion be joyful in their king, let the phrase and let them praise his name with the dance. Let them sing phrases to him with the Timberland.

Harp for Yahweh, takes pleasure. In his people, He will. Beautify the humble and salvation But the Saints be joyful and glory. Let them sing allow it on their beds, let them high praises of God, be in their mouth and the two edged sword in their hand to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples.

Divine, their kings with chains and their nobles of studies of iron to execute on them. The written judgment, this honor have all this saints. Praise Yahweh. Very good. Thank you. So that was the last way that we go. If I got, that's probably not the last way, but the last way I'm going to talk about right now, I'm going to move on to principles for glorifying, God in all ways.

So, who can give me? Probably the most important important but probably the first principle for glorifying God in all things and get his way. Yeah, you got it. If we are going to glorify God, in all way, in all things, we then all must be done. According to his commandments found in His Word.

So this relates back to 0.7 that we went over last week in which every aspect of our lives should be tempered by God's commandments if we desire to glorify God in everything. Then we must do it. Do everything within his framework of his law. If you look at Leviticus numbers and Deuteronomy, which a lot of people find hard to do, There's a lot of laws, there's laws that govern eating laws that govern about low laws about clothing loss about farming laws about marriage.

There's a lot of laws there but what do you think? The reason that God put all those laws there, it was to impress upon the Old Testament church that God is Lord of every area of life, every area of life. There's not one area of our lives that God doesn't have doesn't govern?

Yes, David You said this clarification with you said, God bless you. Some of the Old Testament church. What is that proposed to the New Test? You know, I don't look at his old Newcastle, but it's a church, but is index still active coach today. It's perfectly hundred and well I would say that That was the infant church more or less.

And so that was there to impress upon them. We have all of this Old Testament, New Testament. We have a lot more information than that church did at that time. There's something is in that covenant have gone on and we are in a new covenant but I would say still that God is still governing every aspect of our life even though we don't have those laws there, we still have your knowledge and what we should have the knowledge that God is God of everything.

There's there's no portion of our life that God is in governing, isn't in charge up. The reason why I ask that question because some of my dispensational friends will say all the Old Testament is involved. New Testament is grace and also great. So, Ten Commandments. Don't apply. They don't know what to do.

So yes. You know, as you said those things that were like, So how do we do this? Some point.

All right, so if we're going to do everything for for God's glory, through his his word and through his commandments. So let's think about it, eating, How should we do that? What does God's word teach us about that? We should do it in moderation and we should eat good food, healthy food.

The college can say that we're no longer restricted. Comedian banking, Right? God. I would say bacon is a good thing in moderation. Schoolwork, How do we do our schoolwork to glorify? God, in his framework? We do it with no cheat. I'm sorry, an integrity doing our best no cheating, and not the bare minimum to get by right Again.

If we're just gonna skate by, are we doing it the gosplory? No, we're doing it to our ease. It needs to be done to God's glory. And through his framework, our vocations, how do we do that? We should be thinking about the Fifth commandment and how in, you know, with the regard in regards to our duties towards superiors towards peers and towards inferiors Again.

Anything that we do to glorify, God needs to be done within His framework. Number two, another of motivation in all things should be to please God and to be zealous for his honor. We need to consider whether our motor our motivations are to please God or to please man or to please ourselves Ephesians 6 five and six who has that spawn servants the obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh and feared, trembling and sincerity of heart as Christ, not with eye service, as man of tweezers and mental leasers.

But as bought servants of Christ, giving the will of God from the heart. Very good. So we see here that everything that God does he's doing for his own glory and for our good and that really should be an example to us Another principle in doing everything for God is serving.

Our neighbor Philippines, two, three and four. Philippians chapter 2, verses 3 and 4 Do nothing from self-ass. Ambition are conceit but in humility. Count others, more significant than ourselves. So when

a person desires to glorify God in all things considers, how their actions their words will affect those around them because really, we are are not on an island.

We are not on its everything that we do say, that doesn't impact those around us. And if we are doing things for God's glory, we should be thinking and considering how our actions are words affect those around us, Another principle. Our motivation is doing everything in conscious dependence on God.

And so, we really need to be doing everything independence on his strength. Since all things are from him and through him, Romans 11, verse 36 for from him and through him, and to him are all things to him. Be glory forever. Amen. And Philippians 4, verse 13. I can do all things through him.

Who strengthens me and Dr. Pipa had a good the ID in here. When he wrote when we depend on God, to accomplish our tasks, we are doing them to His glory. Hence we are to pray all about all that we do and act independence on the Holy Spirit. So we all know that, when we try to do things in our own strength, in our own power, and our own will that typically doesn't do us well, but if we are dependent on God for everything that we tend to see those things blessed, I even had a personal experience when when I used to climb towers more often.

If I was the first guy on the, on the ladder, people would tend to to look at me and think I either had a headache or something, or I was stretching because before I even climb that tower, I'd be praying that God would keep me on the tower and keep us safe and get the work done for his glory.

And so it was just always, I think, by the time that I finished climbing with those different crews, they, they realize what I was doing and they never asked me if I had a headaches anymore and closely related to the fourth principle, the fifth principle is to be thankful for things that we do In gratitude is something that we should, you know, should not be named to us Olympians 4:6 do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God in Colossians 4:2.

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with Thanksgiving. So all of our privileges, all of our benefits, all our possessions, all our abilities, all our vocations friends and family are from God's hands and we should regularly thank you for these things for these blessings. And number six is to do all things.

Wholeheartedly Colossians 2:23. Whatever you do work hardly as for the Lord and not for men. So when we do all things, wholeheartedly cheerfully without idleness or sloth, God is pleased. And our work, his servants work is sanctified, The Greek from that passage. And what we get wholeheartedly means basically from the soul and it implies enthusiasm and passion.

So remember God is the one who is ultimately judging everything that we do that. You want to say something. Dave, Oh no. I was waiting it. Okay, and finally, we get to motivations for glorifying. God Would you say that God does everything that he does for his own glory?

Yeah, so if God does all things for his glory, maybe we should also is God, the best example of everything. Yeah, Proverbs 16:4. The Lord has made all for himself. Yes, even the wicked for the day of Doom. God even designed the entire scheme of redemption to bring glory to himself.

First Corinthians, 1:30 and 31 but of him, you are in Christ. Jesus who became for us. Wisdom from God and righteousness and sanctification and redemption that. As it is written. He who glories let him glory in the Lord. Another motivation. Is that we owe him because he is our maker.

In our preserver are all people created by God a couple naughty heads. Yeah. Are all people dependent on God for life and sustenance. Yeah, therefore we should be giving him praise and we should be living our lives for his glory Access 17, verses 24:26 and 28, the God who made the world and everything in it being Lord of heaven and earth does not live in temples made by man.

Nor is he served by human hands as though? He needed anything since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything and he made from one man every nation of mankind, to live on all the face of the earth, having determined a lot of periods and boundaries of their dwelling place that they should see God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him yet.

He is actually not far from each one of us for and Him. We live and move and have our being That says a lot. Yeah, there there is no aspect of our life that God hasn't put into effect and continues to sustain So we should be glorifying Him through that.

We are also debtors to him because he has forgiven and redeemed us who of us here doesn't need God's redemption. I know I needed. And since God has forgiven us our debts and you know, a lot of deaths and redeemed us at a cost and that cost was very high that cost.

What was that cost is only begotten Son, the only sinless man to ever walk. This world that cost was pretty high, so we ought to do everything for his glory. First Corinthians 6:20 where you are ball at

a price therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are gods.

So let's take a look at the Heidelberg Catechism, on this point here, question, answer 32 and says, you know, I'm not gonna expect everybody knows here to know, the Heidelberg can catechism since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ, without any merit of our own.

Why then should we do good works? Answer because Christ having redeemed us by his blood is also restoring us by His Spirit into his image. So that with our whole lives and we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits so that he may be praised through us.

Excuse me, motivation. Number four.

God's. Glory is a reason that we were created and redeemed, Isaiah 43:21 for. I give water in the wilderness rivers in the desert to give drink to my chosen. People, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise. So what does that say?

What does that just say? God made us for His glory. God made us that we might praise Him, right? And he continues us that we might do this on thing. God. Formed the nation of Israel as he formed the church today and everything else for himself. The forms dust.

He feeds us. He gives each of us. Our breath, He spilled his own blood to redeem to save us. So that is our duty to show forth his praise not only with her mouths, not only, but with our lives to his service and God saved us, that he would be glorified in the redemption of the people that he called to himself.

Number five, God, alone. Deserves our honor and seeks it. And sometimes I know sometimes, I forget that fact that God is seeking it. This when you get to my age it's kind of hard to figure. Yeah, it is hard to forget that God deserves a honor but sometimes it's easy to to forget that he's looking for it too Revolution.

Excuse me. I would say that Revelations 5:11 through 14. Who has that? Then I looked and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures and the elders. And the number of them was 10,000 times, 10,000 and thousands of saying with a loud voice. Worthy is the lamb who is slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and blessing and every creature, which is in heaven and on earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea and all that are in them.

I heard saying Blessing and honor and glory, and power will be to him who sits on the road, and through the land forever. And ever Then the four living creatures said, Amen. And the 24 elders fell down and worshiped him who lives forever and ever. Thank you. So we see here that glory is rightfully and lawfully gods.

Right? Would you say that's true that glory is lawfully and rightly gods. So if we don't give it to him, what are we doing? Where you're stealing from God?

Number six, all other creatures exist to glorify Him. Now think about that All other creatures and I also would say that kind of also includes us but all creatures exist. A glorify. God, The whole creation glorifies God by His very existence. Psalm 19:1 the heavens, declare the glory of God and the sky above proclaims.

His handiwork along with the heavens. All animate preachers. Glorify God. Isaiah, 43:20 the beast of the field. Will honor me. The jackals in the ostriches and Psalm 8 versus four and five. We hear there What is man that you are mindful of him. And this son of man that you visit him for you have made him a little lower than the angels and you have crowned him with glory and honor.

So since all creatures, even the angels exist for God's glory. Why shouldn't we glorify Him? We who were made in His image. Why shouldn't we strive to glorify him And think about this, both men and angels are created beings? I've never seen an angel. So, I don't know what they look like, but Bible tells us that Christ took on the form of man and down to our last principle seeking.

His glory brings, the greatest joy to our lives. Is there? Anybody can tell me that? What I just said there isn't true.

You know, when I was younger. I yeah, are kind of knew it and kind of believed it, but as I get older, it's it comes back more and more that this is right seeking God's glory gives us joy in our lives. So we've come back. Full circle, back to the Westminster Shorter.

Catechism question. Number one, our chief and is to glorify God and enjoy him forever. Our enjoyment of God is the end result of glorifying Him and then join it. Like this is the greatest good in our life and as Dr. Piple wrote in the book, the greatest good in the life to come.

So I'm going to leave y'all with some 73 verses 25 and 26. Whom have you. Excuse me, whom have I in heaven but you and there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you, My flesh in my heart may fail but God

is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Amen.

Who like to close this prayer?

Great God, help your body of June Goddess, and rest the day and worship towards you. Lord. I pray, we would get a big old practice session in glorifying you. What better day to start was new lessons or relearned lessons, Lord, that and more. It's better kind of you pray that we would leave this place Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday and Friday a little.

When we go to work, we take care of the grinding parts of life, the normal parts of life, kids and house and work and such that. You would, How would you shed your grace on us? Make us aware of your your presence, your eye, your spirit, aluminar our eyes, to see your scripture even in the midst of our work.

And it would you would teach us how to glorify you with spirit by experiencing the truth. Jesus, Amen.