

Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God Alone)

October 5, 2025

TEXT: Read Rom. 11:33-36

MAIN IDEA—Everything exists for God's glory therefore we are called to live for the glory of God alone.

MEMORY VERSE—1 Cor. 10:31

*To 'Glorify' God means to declare God's honor, praise, importance, value or worth; it is to publicly announce, draw attention to and advertise the infinite value of God. God's glory seen, always requires glory to be given back to God in response. **Ps. 100:3-5**

GOD'S PASSION FOR HIS GLORY—God's immediate goal in all He does is His own glory (**Is. 48:11**). The bible is filled with this truth because it is a central theme of scripture (i.e. the Glory of God).

Scripture teaches us that:

*God's glory is the goal for which He created all things (**[Col. 1:16-17]**).

*God chose His people in Christ for His glory **[Eph. 1:4-6, 12]**.

*God called Israel for His glory (**Is. 49:3**).

*God rescued Israel from Egypt for His glory (**Psalm 106:7-8**).

*God raised Pharaoh up to show his power and glorify His name (**Rom. 9:17**).

*Jesus told us to do good works so that God gets glory (***Matt. 5:16**).

*Jesus said that he answers prayer in His name so that God would be glorified (**John 14:13**).

*Jesus endured his final hours of suffering for God's glory (**John 12:27-28**).

*God *forgives our sins* for His own sake (**Is. 43:25**).

*God *tells us to serve in a way* that will glorify Him (**1 Pet. 4:11**).

*Herod was struck dead because he did not give glory to God (**Acts 12:23**).

*Jesus *is coming again* for the glory of God (**2 Thess. 1:9-10**).

*Even in wrath God's aim is to make the wealth of His glory known (**Rom. 9:22-23**).

*God's plan is to *fill the earth with the knowledge* of His glory (**Hab. 2:14**).

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*Creation *declares* God's glory (**Ps. 19:1; Ps. 90:2**).

*In the New Jerusalem the glory of God *replaces the sun* (**Rev. 21:23**).

*Jesus is *the perfect revelation* of the glory of God (**2 Cor. 4:5-6**).

SHARING GOD'S PASSION—Whether we're involved in mundane or ordinary activities such as eating and drinking or life changing events like leading someone to Christ by sharing the Gospel, we're to do it with eyes focused on God's glory (**1 Cor. 10:31**).

Ps. 16:11; Eph. 5:1; 1 Pet. 1:16; Phil. 3:7-11

*God wants us to share His passion for His glory and God empowers us to share His passion for His glory (**Phil. 2:13**)!

PRINCIPLES FOR LIVING TO GOD'S GLORY (John MacArthur-Glorifying God in the Gray Areas)

>The Edification Principle: Will this activity produce spiritual benefit [**1 Cor. 10:23**]

>The Enslavement Principle: Will this activity lead to spiritual bondage [**1 Cor. 6:12**]

>The Exposure Principle: Will this activity expose my mind or body to defilement [**1 Cor. 6:19-20; Phil. 4:8**]?

>The Esteem Principle: Will this activity benefit others, or cause them to stumble [**1 Cor. 8:8-9**]?

>The Evangelism Principle: Will this activity further the cause of the gospel [**1 Cor. 10:32-33**]?

>The Ethics Principle: Will this activity violate my conscience [**Rom. 14:23**]?

>The Exaltation Principle: Will this activity bring glory to God [**1 Cor. 10:31**]?

2 Cor. 5:9

Sam Storms—If God is the source of our greatest delight then God is our most precious treasure, which makes us radically God-centered and not self-centered. And if we treasure God most, we glorify Him most.

Rom. 11:36

Suggested Reading

Desiring God: Meditations of a Christian Hedonist, by John Piper

One Thing: Developing a Passion for the Beauty of God, by Sam Storms