

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

ALL FOR HIS GLORY

SCRIPTURE READING:

“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God” (1 Cor 10:31).

INTRODUCTION:

A. While volunteering at a Wakulla Christian School volleyball game recently, I noticed several students wearing shirts with the words – “All For His Glory” (1 Cor 10:31) - which is the focus of today’s Bible Study.

B. The Apostle Paul used this verse – 1 Corinthians 10:31 – as a direct solution to a major issue dividing the Corinthian church: Whether it was right to eat meat that had been sacrificed to pagan idols.

This issue divided the Corinthian church into two groups:

1. **The Strong Christians** – they knew the idols were not real, therefore, they felt free to buy and eat the marketplace meat. They believed that their Christian faith gave them the freedom to eat whatever they wanted.
 2. **The Weak Christians** – they were new Believers from pagan backgrounds. They believed that eating the meat was a form of participating in idol worship, which deeply troubled them.
- The Apostle Paul told the Strong Christians that even if they had the freedom to eat the meat, they should not do so if it caused a weaker Christian to stumble (to be tempted)) or influenced to act against his conscience which leads to sin.
 - **“Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend” (1 Cor 8:13).**
 - **“It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak” (Rom 14:21).**
 - Paul taught the Corinthian Christians that true freedom is not doing whatever you want – It is about using your daily choices to love others (It is love over freedom), and to make God look Good.

C. “And if anything you might do would not Glorify God, do not do it.” – Charles Spurgeon

- I. THE SCOPE OF GOD’S GLORY: THE EVERYDAY AND ROUTINE (Col 3:23-24)**
“²³And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; ²⁴ Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ” (Col 3:23-24).

These verses teach that ordinary, daily work is an act of worship when it is done wholeheartedly for Christ rather than human approval.

A. Shifting the Ultimate Authority

1. Believers work as though Christ is their actual Boss.
2. Believers recognizing Christ as their Master - strips away pride, jealousy, greed and people-pleasing. Be sold out for Christ.

B. Eliminate Eye Service

1. Working for God's Glory means doing high-quality work (your very best) even when no one is watching.
 - **"Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God"** (Col 3:22)
2. Working as unto the Lord eliminated eye-service which is working hard only when the earthly boss is around.

C. Dethrone Self-Glory

When a person works solely for human approval, he seeks personal praise or status. Shifting authority to Christ ensures that the credit, focus and ultimate standard of success belong entirely to Him, protecting the heart from pride.

- **"For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ"** (Gal 1:10).

Study Question:

In what ways can you ensure that your work reflects your faith and commitment to God, even in a secular environment?

D. Worship God in the Routine

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your basic, everyday, and necessary human activities – such as, eating, drinking, driving, daily chores, at work – all of these are transformed into acts of spiritual devotion when done with a thankful heart.

- **"Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established"** (Prov 16:3).

Always commit your work to the Lord – Do everything for the Glory of God.

• **The Sure Reward of Christ's Servants**

When Calvin was banished from ungrateful Geneva, he said, "most assuredly if I had merely served man, this would have been a poor recompense; but it is my happiness that I have served Him who never fails to reward His servants to the full extent of His promise." – C.H. Spurgeon

II. THE STANDARD OF GOD'S GLORY: INTENTIONAL DECISION-MAKING

⁵Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

⁶In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov 3:5-6).

These verses teach that we live for the Glory of God by establishing true honor that belongs to Him through absolute dependence, surrender, and public acknowledgment.

A. Dethrone Self-Sufficiency (v. 5)

We are to trust in the Lord with our whole heart and lean not on our own understanding. This is a form of being for The Glory of God, and leaning on God's understanding. It renounces self-glory and human cleverness for Him to be glorified.

- **“²³ Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: ²⁴ But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord” (Jer 9:23-24).**

B. We are to Live a Public Testimony of Acknowledgment (v. 6a)

We are to acknowledge (to understand) and recognize God in every aspect of our lives – career, family, finances and private thoughts. The universal submission serves as a visible witness that God is the supreme ruler of our lives.

- **“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matt 5:16).**

C. Display God's Faithfulness Through Guided Paths (v. 6b)

God has promised that He will make straight our paths. God will guide the Believer through the difficulty of life into the paths of righteousness which testified to His power, not human efforts.

- **“He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake” (Ps 23:3).**

D. Acknowledging God in all your ways means actively consulting, obeying, and honoring Him in every single decision, action, and area of life instead of relying on personal judgment.

Practical Ways to Acknowledge God

- **Consulting His Word and Wisdom:** Prayer and Scripture before planning involves pausing major choices or daily tasks to ask for divine direction rather than rushing ahead with personal strategy.
- **Aligning Choices with His Character:** Ethical obedience in private and public means letting God's moral law dictate how you treat others, handle finances, and speak when nobody is listening.
- **Yielding Control During Trials:** Trusting His goodness in hardship means turning to Him with honesty and grief instead of bitterness, showing that you believe He remains sovereign over pain.
- **Reflecting Gratitude for Provision:** Crediting His grace for success means explicitly thanking God for talents, opportunities, and results, refusing to boast in self-made achievements.

- **Prioritizing Kingdom Values:** Serving His purposes with daily resources means using your time, money, and energy to love others and honor Christ rather than building a purely self-centered life.

Study Questions:

1. **How does trusting God’s guidance provide peace and assurance in decision-making?**
2. **Reflect on a time when you acknowledged God in a decision. How did you see Him make your path straight and what did you learn from that experience?**

- **Consult God First**

“In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths” (Prov 3:6).

Take one step at a time, every step under Divine warrant and direction. Every plan for yourself should be done in simple dependence on God. It is nothing less than self-idolatry to conceive that we can carry on even the ordinary matters of the day without His counsel. He loves to be consulted. Therefore, take all thy difficulties to be resolved by Him. Be in the habit of going to Him in the first place – before self-will, self-pleasing, self-wisdom, human friends, convenience, expediency. Before any of these have been consulted, go to God at once. – C.A. Bridges, M.A.

CONCLUSION:

A. Hymn – “To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

B. “Man’s chief end is to Glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.” – Unknown

- Be sure that you Glorify God each and every day.

C. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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“...the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).