

Live to the Glory of God

Introduction

- The Corinthian church (like most churches today) had some very serious problems
- Paul is writing to correct wrong understanding & thinking that led to wrong actions
- Chapters 9-10 address Christian liberties – how to live without **causing** other Christians to stumble into sin.
- Our lives either bring honor or dishonor to God

I. What Is The Glory of God?

- A. God receiving praise for who He is & what He has done

*Isaiah 46:9 – He **alone** is the Creator, Almighty, Omniscient, King, Judge... Ps. 103:1-5 – He **alone** saves sinners, sustains, protects, delivers, heals, guides, empowers us...*

- B. God receiving praise for who we are & what we have done

Matt. 5:16 – We are children of God & our lives should reflect His character in our thoughts, words & actions.

II. How Do I Live To The Glory of God?

- A. Involves daily lifestyle & activities (v. 31)

As children of God, even ordinary activities of life must be pleasing to God & honor Him. Pleasing God (not ourselves) must guide us in everything we do at home, work, school, church... (Mt. 5:16).

- B. Involves relationships with other people (v. 32-33)

*God is glorified when sinners are **saved** & saints are **edified**. Self-denial is essential for right relationships with people to glorify God (v. 23-24; 8:9, 12).*

- C. Involves our relationship with God (v. 7-11)

We must not yield to the things competing for our love & loyalty. God alone must hold the primary place in our hearts.

ILL: Parents often tell their children to exhibit their best behavior in public. Because the way a child behaved was a direct reflection on their parents. It either brought praise to the parents or shame (Pr. 10:1).

APPL: The same is true of the Christian & our heavenly Father – we either bring glory or shame to Him by the way we live. Is that your heart's desire – to please your heavenly Father & receive His approval? If this is your desire, then you must strive/fight to resist any temptation that would stand in the way of you pleasing God & living to His glory.

III. Why Should I Live To The Glory of God?

A. Love for God

*We love God because He has first loved us & He is faithful to us (1Co. 10:13). We must **live** for Him who **died** for us; we have been ransomed... (Rom. 5:6-8; 1Co. 6:19b-20)!*

B. Love for people (v. 32-33)

Your lifestyle should not present an obstacle to people hearing & obeying the gospel. Love for the lost & the saints should motivate us to live holy.