

GLORIFYING GOD WITH ALL WE HAVE

Note to the speaker:

Explain why we should glorify God and how doing so should affect our entire life. Help those newly associated to appreciate that members of the Christian congregation do not promote themselves or seek their own glory

JEHOVAH DESERVES TO BE GLORIFIED (6 min.)

Glorifying God involves giving him “worshipful praise, honor, and thanksgiving”

Jehovah God is more worthy of being glorified than anyone else [**Read Revelation 4:11**]

Mighty spirit creatures willingly give glory to Jehovah (Re 7:11, 12)

How much more should humans give God glory! (Ps 8:3-9)

The majority of people are blinded by Satan, the god of this selfish world (2Co 4:4)

Instead of glorifying God, many elevate themselves and seek glory from others (Joh 12:43; Ro 1:20, 21)

How can we give God the glory that he properly deserves? (Ps 96:7, 8)

IMITATE JESUS' EXAMPLE OF GLORIFYING GOD (12 min.)

Imitate Jesus' humility (Php 2:5-8)

Jesus refused to seek his own glory, even when Satan tempted him to do so (Mt 4:5-10; *w11* 5/15 18 ¶10-11)

Jesus acknowledged his Father as the Source of his teachings and powerful works (Joh 7:16; 14:10)

We rightly give credit to Jehovah for our abilities and accomplishments (1Co 4:7)

Jesus was willing to perform menial tasks for others (Joh 13:3-5)

Imitate Jesus' love of righteousness (Heb 1:9)

Many self-willed people defiantly ignore God's moral laws (Ro 1:24, 28, 32; 2Pe 2:10)

We honor Jehovah by acknowledging his right to shape us and by obeying his commands (Isa 64:8)

Jehovah is glorified when others praise our good conduct (1Pe 2:12)

Imitate Jesus' whole-souled devotion to God (Joh 4:34; 8:28, 29)

Use your life to do God's will, not your own (Mt 16:24; Ro 12:1, 2; *w06* 4/1 23 ¶9)

Share the Kingdom good news with others [**Read John 15:8**] (Mt 28:19, 20)

By doing good to others, you may move them to glorify God (Mt 5:16; *w08* 5/15 5-6 ¶12-16)

HOW WE CAN GLORIFY GOD WITH ALL WE HAVE (8 min.)

Our love for Jehovah should move us to use *all we have* to glorify him [**Read Mark 12:30**]

We each have various assets that we can use to glorify God—for example, talent, education, strength, experience, time, or material things (Pr 3:9)

It is not how much we have that glorifies Jehovah but how we use what we have (Lu 21:1-4)

Jehovah is aware of our individual circumstances and limitations (Ps 103:14)

If you have opportunities to expand your service or to take on congregation responsibilities, use such opportunities to benefit others and glorify Jehovah

Never become proud of your abilities or privileges or seek your own glory (Pr 16:18; 25:27)

Avoid self-promotion and do not become focused on position (Mt 23:10-12)

GLORIFYING GOD LEADS TO BLESSINGS (4 min.)

Your efforts to glorify God will be rewarded

You will gain the satisfaction that comes from glorifying the One “most worthy of praise” (Ps 145:3)

Jehovah will, in turn, draw close to you and give you glory (Ps 73:23, 24; 138:6; *w13* 2/15 25-26 ¶2-5)

You will gain the prospect of glorifying Jehovah forever (Ps 86:12)

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pages 52-55, 166-169]