

How do I live for the glory of God?

Here are seven ways you can glorify God directly from the pages of Scripture.

1. Thank Him

Psalm 50:23

The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;

to one who orders his way rightly

I will show the salvation of God!"

- Be grateful.
- Look for things in your life for which to be thankful.
- He gives you good gifts every single day. Even the fact that your heart continues to beat is a gift from God, Himself. Every sunset is a gift. All of nature declares the glory of God; theologians through the years have called these common graces.
- You glorify God when you recognize that these "common" gifts are from Him.

2. Trust Him

Romans 4:20

No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God

- When you trust God to do what He says He will do, you bring glory to Him.
- When you believe that He will never leave you or forsake you, you bring glory to Him.
- When you believe His promise that all things work for your good, you glorify Him.
- When you trust Him, you say He is worthy of your trust.

3. Bear Fruit for Him

John 15:8

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

• What is considered fruit?

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

- There is no greater sign of adoration in a child than their longing to be like their father or their mother. Likewise, there is no greater act of devotion and love than the desire to be like your Father.
- Your desire glorifies God.

4. Obey Him

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

• When you obey His commands, you tell a watching world that He is worthy of your obedience.

- By your actions, you tell them that His ways are true and good.
- By your actions, you declare His ways are preferred to all the illicit pleasure that may be found elsewhere.

5. Pray to Him

John 14:13

Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

- You acknowledge your helplessness when you pray.
- You acknowledge He is the one who can help.
- You trust Him to hear and grant your request.
- That glorifies Him

Confess your sin to Him

Joshua 7.19

Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the LORD God of Israel and give praise to him. And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me."

- When you acknowledge that you have broken His law and sinned against His love, you glorify Him.
- When you feel genuine sorrow over sinning against His love, you glorify Him.
- When you trust entirely upon His mercy and forgiveness for your standing with Him, you glorify Him.

6. Suffer for Him

1 Peter 4:14-16

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

- When you believe His promise of eternal life, you glorify Him.
- When you consider a relationship with Christ to be preferred more than comfort and security, even life itself, you honor Him.
- When you suffer for His sake, you glorify Him.