

LIVE FOR GOD'S GLORY

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

In Paul's time, the Corinthian church faced a big issue that still affects believers today: knowing Jesus' truth but still giving in to compromise. People compromise because of different reasons. Some turn to God's grace, but Romans 6:1-2 warns against misusing it. There are those that compare their sins to others, thinking they may not be as "bad." Some settle for being an "ordinary Christian," even when the Bible says that true Christians are those fully committed to God. Some even think they can wait to repent on their deathbed, ignoring the Bible's call for daily repentance.

In 1 Corinthians 9:23, Paul encourages all believers to live for God's glory. He believes that being a "normal" Christian means aligning your life with God's plan, following His commands, and giving yourself entirely to Him. How do we do this?

LIVE FOR HIS MISSION (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

Our primary mission in life is to share the transformative message of the gospel. Despite the importance of our careers, families, and businesses, these should assume a secondary role when compared to our primary mission of spreading the gospel and living lives that embody Christ's commands (Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 1:16). When we consider Jesus as our Master, His mission becomes our primary mission. Paul's fervent commitment to excellence, as highlighted in Acts 20:24, serves as an inspiration. Excelling in our professions becomes a platform to effectively spread the message of the gospel. God desires for us to be outstanding examples in our communities, showing how a life dedicated to Him can bless others.

LIVE IN OBEDIENCE (1 Corinthians 10:1-13)

Often, we mistakenly believe that adhering to certain Christian practices, such as attending church, participating in study groups, giving tithes, or serving in ministries, is synonymous with genuine faith. Outward behavior doesn't equate to true obedience. Paul emphasized this with the Corinthian church (1 Corinthians 10:1-4, Acts 4:11-12). Despite knowing God's works among the Israelites and His blessings through Christ, they, like the Israelites, experienced displeasure from God because of their disobedience (1 Corinthians 10:5).

God does not desire religiosity, but a life marked by obedience. Deviating from God's commands puts us at odds with Him. While God's love for us is boundless, His justice requires our obedience. Historical examples, such as the Israelites

reverting to idol worship and facing God's discipline, serve as a warning to not disobey God (1 Corinthians 10:6-12, Exodus 32:1-6). Sometimes, God uses trials and the consequences of our sins to break us, signaling the need for repentance. Even in our struggles, God provides us an escape from temptation all because of His unwavering faithfulness (1 Corinthians 10:13).

LIVE WITH WHOLEHEARTED DEVOTION (1 Corinthians 10:14-31)

Loving God completely is fundamental to fulfilling His mission and living in full obedience. Our struggle often arises when we place something or someone above Him. Paul's reminder to the Corinthians underscores this point, urging them to remember how they experienced God's love and communion with Him, such as through the Lord's Supper. He warned against idolatry and emphasized that it is impossible to partake in the Lord's table and in demonic activities at the same time (1 Corinthians 10:14-22). Anything we do must ultimately glorify God (1 Corinthians 10:23-31).

In today's culture, there are practices and places rooted in harmful principles. To navigate wisely, we must ask ourselves some key questions:

- Why do I frequent places that tempt me toward immoral behavior?
- Why do I indulge in shows that entice me to engage in sinful actions?
- Why do I spend excessive time with people leading me away from God?
- Why do I engage in practices harmful to my relationship with the Lord?
- Why do I heed voices that distort my understanding of God and life?

In a world where some are willing to die for destructive ideologies, our motivation lies in God's unmatched act of love through the sacrifice of His beloved Son on the cross. Jesus conquered death and offers eternal life. Choosing to live for God's glory is a response to who He is and to the certainty of His ultimate victory. Let our lives resonate with His purpose that we may magnify and give Him glory!

LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

DISCUSS THIS MESSAGE

Based on Paul's letter to the church in Corinth, how can we live a life that glorifies God?

What are the things hindering you from living for God's glory?

What do you think can help you live a life that pleases the Lord?

Why should we live our life for God's glory?

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1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments — Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence.

— Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. — Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. — John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13



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