



Honoring God

STEP 3A

Honoring God is at the heart of a life rooted in faith. It involves aligning our thoughts, actions, and desires with His will, reflecting His character in all we do.

Let's explore what it means to honor God, the challenges we face, and how we can live lives that glorify Him.

1. Honoring God Through Obedience

1 Samuel 15:22

"Does the Lord take pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams."

2. Honoring God with Our Worship

John 4:23-24

"But an hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth."

3. Honoring God in Our Speech

Colossians 4:6

"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person."

4. Honoring God with Our Lives

1 Corinthians 10:31

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

5. Honoring God Through Love

1 John 4:7-8

"Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love."

Honoring God means living in a way that reflects His glory, prioritizes His will, and demonstrates His love to others.

Psalm 29:2

"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness."

The Bible teaches that honoring God requires intentionality, as our natural inclinations can lead us away from His purposes.

Romans 12:1-2

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Honoring God impacts every area of our lives, from our choices to our relationships, shaping us to reflect His character.

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."

1. Based on 1 Samuel 15:22 and Romans 12:1-2, what does it mean to honor God through obedience, and how does this differ from simply following religious rituals or traditions?
2. John 4:23-24 emphasizes worshiping God "in Spirit and truth." What are some practical ways you can cultivate authentic worship in your daily life, and what challenges do you face in doing so?
3. According to Colossians 4:6, our speech should reflect God's grace. Can you think of a time when your words either honored or dishonored God? How can we ensure our speech consistently glorifies Him?
4. 1 Corinthians 10:31 calls us to do everything for God's glory. Share an example of a mundane or everyday activity in your life where you could intentionally honor God. What steps can you take to make this a habit?
5. 1 John 4:7-8 and Matthew 5:16 highlight love and good works as ways to honor God. What are some specific ways you see a lack of love or good works in today's world, and how can Christians actively demonstrate God's love to bring Him glory?