



To honor God is defined as to worship Him, and show great respect with high regard for the honor due to Him. Then, to what extent in our lives should we live to honor God?

Deut 6:5: "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength."

Col 3:17: "And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

In essence, honoring God isn't limited to attending church on Sundays, or praying before meals, but incorporates inviting God in all aspects of our lives and live in a manner that will honor the Almighty.

The reason Psalm 86:12 says: "I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your name forevermore."

In believing in Christ as Savior and Lord, and living to honor God through all aspects of our lives, we then become His disciples and witness to the lost and dying world around us.

That's why the apostle in 1Peter 3:15 said, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear."

In all truth, does our life honor God in such a way that people can witness the presence of Christ in our life?

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WHY MUST WE HONOR GOD?

“You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.” Rev 4:11

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Do we realize that without God, we wouldn't even exist? Furthermore, if we truly believe in God, shouldn't we always seek to honor our Creator, Savior and Lord through all aspects of our life?

Why?

1Cor 3:16: “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

Eph 2:10: “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

1Cor 1:18: “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

2Peter 1:3-4: “His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”

Finally, Philip 2:9-10: “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth.”

Will we bow and surrender our life to follow Christ and honor God?

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HOW MUST WE HONOR GOD?

*“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and make no provision
for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.*

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Rom 13:14

In short, to honor God can be resumed to simply live according to what Christ taught us.

What could we say it includes?

Mat 16:24: “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”

Col 3:23: “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.”

2Cor 6:17: “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.”

1Peter 2:21: “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.”

Eph 4:25-27, 29: ²⁵“Therefore, putting away lying, “*Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,*” for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷nor give place to the devil.” ²⁹Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.”

And very importantly, John 5:22-23: “Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.”

Does our life right now honor Christ, so as to honor God?

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Honoring God, without the shadow of a doubt, incorporates rejecting the evil of the world.

Why?

James 4:4: "Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."

1John 2:15: "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

God, speaking through the prophet in Isaiah 29:13, said, "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught."

Jesus further highlighted hypocrisy this way in Mat 12:34 saying, "Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."

Interestingly, God has given us a clear command in Ex 23:2 saying, "You shall not follow a crowd to do evil; nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after many to pervert justice."

Very applicable to our world right now and it should encourage us to examine ourselves to see if we truly are in the faith.

Will we choose God or the world?

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