

## **GLORY to God?**

high renown or honor won by notable achievements.

magnificence or great beauty. take great pride or pleasure in.

to give credit to someone or something

to describe the splendor, holiness and majesty of God. Glory, in this sense, is often associated with a person experiencing God's presence in a tangible way. When used this way, the word glory conveys a sense of heavy dignity.

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**People who have trouble giving God Glory...** Musicians, Athletes, scholars,

Wealthy, beauty, Talent

1. Rod Stewart, the music superstar, owns the current world record for the largest concert of all time, performing in front of 3.5 million people on Copacabana Beach on New Year's Eve in 1994.

2. William James Sidis was born in New York City in 1898. Albert Einstein had an estimated IQ of 160, Issac Newton's estimated IQ is 190, and Mark Zuckerberg's IQ is 152. At the age of 8, he could speak 8 languages. William became the youngest person to be admitted to Harvard in 1909 at age 11.

3. wealthiest...

4. Beauty

**Mac Davis 1974** -Oh Lord it's hard to be humble When you're perfect in every way

I can't wait to look in the mirror Cause I get better looking each day

To know me is to love me I must be a hell of a man

Oh Lord It's hard to be humble, But I'm doing the best that I can

I used to have a girlfriend, But I guess she just couldn't compete,

With all of these love-starved women, Who keep cowering at my feet

Oh I probably could find me another, But I guess they're all in awe of me

Who cares? I never get lonesome Cause I treasure my own company

## **Causes of corruption...**

1. Pride
2. greed
3. selfishness
4. insecurity (feel robbed of a “gift”, victim, unstable & unable to give healthy credit)

uncertainty or anxiety about oneself; lack of confidence

the state of being open to danger or threat; feeling a lack of protection.

John 3:30 – increase, decrease

Rom 13:7 – give honor

Matt 23:12 – humble yourself

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Who is he, this King of glory?

The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory. Psalm 24:10

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:20

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.

Luke 2:14

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

Phil 2:9-11 - Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Those who did not, would not...**

Isa 42:8 I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

Acts 12:23 - Immediately, because Herod did not give glory to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died.

When we are selfish and proud, focusing on ourselves (oh, how often we do this!), we are stealing God's glory. Any time that we do not direct attention to God instead of ourselves, we are stealing God's glory. This can happen not just through actions and words, but by the way we dress and comport ourselves.

Annanias sapharia

Acts 9 Peter said to her, "How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also." 10 At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. 11 Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

John Piper - "When we exalt ourselves, we lure people away from the one thing that can satisfy their souls—the infinite beauty of God."

May we search our hearts for idol-aspiring tendencies and cry out with John the Baptist (and Piper), "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30).

Give God "GLORY" credit, honor respect, for  
Your Job, friends, wealth, talent, accomplishments.

Andre Crouch sings to God be the Glory 1996

In this video...

Janet Paschel                      Mathew Ward

Bryan Duncan                      Joe English

EXODUS 33:18 Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

19 And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." 21 Then the Lord said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. 22 When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.