

Focus on Our Growth and His Glory

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Bible text: [2 Peter 3:17-18](#)

I. FOCUS ON OUR GROWTH

Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. – [2 Peter 3:17-18](#)

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. – [Colossians 2:6-7](#)

II. FOCUS ON HIS GLORY

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: – [John 17:1](#)

“God’s goal at every stage of creation and salvation is to magnify His glory.” – John Piper

I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. – [John 17:4-5](#)

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. – [John 10:31](#)

Glory = “to give weight to”

How to Glorify God

1. Praise Him with our lips. ([Psalm 63:3](#), [Luke 2:20](#))
2. Practice obedience. ([1 Samuel 15:22](#), [Revelations 22:14](#))
3. Pray in His name. ([John 14:13](#))
4. Obey His commands. ([John 15:10](#))

4. Produce spiritual fruit. ([John 15:8](#))

5. Preserve sexual purity. ([1 Corinthians 6:18-20](#))

6. Promote the good of others. ([1 Corinthians 10:31](#))

7. Provide through generosity. ([2 Corinthians 9:13](#))

8. Present yourself honorably among unbelievers. ([1 Peter 2:12](#))

“God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.” – John Piper

9. Persevere when persecuted. ([1 Peter 4:16](#))

10. Please Him in our death.

“There is no downside to my leaving this world – not in the slightest.” – Tim Keller