

God orchestrates life. God isn't a watchmaker, setting things in motion and stepping back. God created life, but God didn't then just turn it loose to its own ends. God continues to vitalize life, energize life, provide for life, guide life, and participate in life. These truths aren't speculative or philosophical. Christ instead proved them out, lived them out, showed how they work in life. When Christ taught the ignorant, he was showing how God continually instructs us through life. When Christ fed the hungry, he was showing how God continually provides for us in life. When Christ ate and drank and enjoyed life, to the point that some called him a glutton, he showed us how God revels in life. And when Christ prayed, he showed us how God answers our requests to reorder and restore life.



An orchestrator doesn't just toss random things into the arena to see how they all unfold. An orchestrator instead chooses, arranges, and conducts. An orchestrator chooses the musical arrangement carefully with specific ends in mind. The orchestrator then chooses the instruments and assigns them parts to produce the

desired arrangement. An orchestrator then conducts, urging this instrument on while holding that instrument at bay awaiting its own part. The orchestrator at the same time exhibits the fervor, exuberance, and joy the orchestrator desires the human participants and divine audience to feel as the great arrangement unfolds.

When we see God as orchestrating our life, we see more of God. You haven't had a God sighting recently? Then maybe you aren't recognizing how God orchestrates your life. Sometimes, we see God arranging small things for us in life. Other times, we look back and see that God arranged the biggest things for us in life. Even in life's many trials and challenges, we see God working small and large miracles throughout our life. We may even have the faith to see those trials and challenges as God once again orchestrating our life. Indeed, when we see God as the arranger, orchestrator, and participant, we may just accept more of life with the gratitude God deserves. And we just may make more sense and draw more joy from our life.