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Elementary

Chasing Glory

Everyone who bears
My name and is created
for My glory, I have
formed them; Indeed I
have made them.
Isaiah 43:7

Key Idea

We are created for God's glory and not for our own glory. All we do must glorify God.

Workout: Created in His Image

What is God's glory? In its simplest form, it is all that God is. It is how we describe God, and it is what God does in our lives. The image of God is the combination of all that makes Him God: His love, justice, peace, patience, etc.

When we say the word "glorify," we think of something as extremely important. Most people would view things such as money, status, talents, and intelligence as the most important.

But who created us with the talents we have? God. In Isaiah 43:7, we are reminded that God created us and gave us all that we have. But He did not create us to use those talents to bring glory to ourselves but to bring glory to Him.

When we choose to give glory to God, we remind ourselves and everyone around us all goodness comes from God. How amazing is it that the God of the universe created us with talents we can use to bring Him glory?

Just like in the warm-up game, it hurt when someone else took credit for your achievements. So, why would we choose to take credit for the achievements that belong to God? The glory belongs to the One who created us.

Warm Up

I Did It

Please volunteer to share a time you wanted to stand up to share your accomplishments but instead, someone stood up and took the credit for your success.

When we live our lives to glorify ourselves, we are leaving our worth up to the opinion of the world when our worth was already decided by the One who made us. Why not choose to glorify the Creator and not just what He created?

Cool Down

- How can you make your big dreams about glorifying God instead of yourself?
- Can you think of anyone who is successful but gives the glory to God?

Workout: Created in His Image

“For His invisible attributes, that is, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being understood through what He has made. As a result, people are without excuse. For though they know God, they did not glorify Him as God to show gratitude. Instead, their thinking became worthless, and their senseless hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man, birds, four-footed animals, and reptiles.” Romans 1:20-24

What makes someone foolish? Nobody likes to be called a fool, but that’s exactly what God calls people who choose to glorify everyone except Him.

God refers to these people as fools because they know that God created all and deserves all the glory, but instead, they choose to chase glory for themselves.

What do you think it means to chase glory for yourself? Chasing your glory is doing everything with the sole purpose of lifting yourself higher. Chasing your glory is when dreams are centered around things of this world (money, fame, success, influence) instead of having goals that, when you reach them, shine a light on God’s goodness.

Having dreams and goals is not selfish; they become selfish if the outcome you want benefits you. We are called to use the talents we have to honor God and show others the goodness and love of God.

If you reach your goals while chasing your glory, all people see is you. If you reach your goals with God leading the way, people will see God in your success!

Connect

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Wrap Up

- God’s glory is the combination of all that makes Him God: His love, justice, peace, patience, etc.
- Chasing your glory is doing everything with the sole purpose of lifting yourself higher.
- We can still chase our dreams while giving God the glory.



THE FOUR

The Four is the Gospel explained in four simple truths

- God loves you
- Sin separates you
- Jesus rescues you
- Will you trust in Jesus?