

Volume 1, Day 16: What glorifies God

What's the difference between doing things **for** God or doing things **with** God? If you're doing anything for God, anything at all, stop doing it. Now, that may sound a little strange coming from a clergyman. Stop doing stuff for God. Yes, God doesn't **need** you to do stuff for Him. Most of us try to earn God's favor to get some blessings from Him. We expect that the stuff we want to do **for** Him, even things like building an amazing ministry **for** God, we do because we want God to reward us.

We hope to gain prosperity, popularity and power. But whatever we do **for** God, harkens back to the old creation the way our natural selfish ways work. That's the way we used to live. That's the way that we were trained to live and the religious things that we participated in. But in reality, when we claimed that we were doing things **for** God, we were actually doing them **for ourselves** because it actually made us **feel** better.

When they succeeded, it made us feel like we were doing our part. And if we failed, we **felt** even worse. We didn't love God enough to do the very things we said we wanted to do for Him only motivated by love for Him. As a man left a Bible study, he was asked by the teacher, "Jim, If you worked long and hard developing a thriving ministry for God and I got all the credit, would you be okay with that?" Jim immediately shot back, **absolutely not!** The teacher continued, "Then that ministry was about you getting glory, not God's glory."

If you do things **for God's glory**, you won't care who tries to get glory with Him as long as it isn't you! God does not share His glory with us. As a matter of fact, the 'glory of God' is the fully surrendered, humble servant who is only and always motivated by God being glorified!