



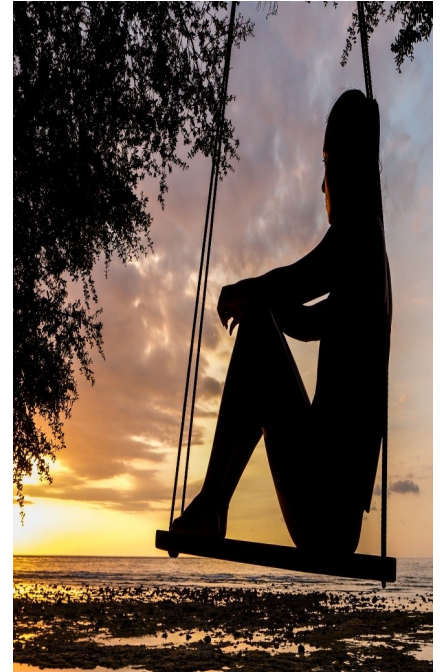
# Just A Minute *With Scripture*

## What Good is it to Glory?

There are many reasons to glory, especially in the difficult challenges of life. Let us review just a few:

- God instructs us to walk by faith and give Him glory. Doing so is obedience to God: *“Whether therefore we eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” (I Cor. 10:31)* Paul states: *“I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God” (Rom. 15:17)* And also, *“But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.” (II Cor. 10:17)* God designed a wonderful aspect of glory in the dispensation of grace, the privilege to serve Him. Living the Truth produces eternal rewards for each of us: *“If any man’s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.” (I Cor. 3:14)*
- Paul relays Christ’s power rests on us: I will *“...glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” (II Cor. 12:9)*
- When we go through difficulties, there’s an outworking of the Word in us, which produces glory now and into eternity. *“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.” (II Cor. 4:17)*
- As the Spirit leads, Christ is manifest through us. Others glory as they observe Christ in us, including the angels, which watch and learn. *(Ephesians 3:7-13)* Paul relays: *“So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure.” (II Thes. 1:4)*

**Think on this: Can you find other reasons to glory in difficulties?**



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### How Did God Love Us?

God humbled Himself to become a man, suffering rejection and humiliation by us. Knowing we were without strength and ungodly enemies, as a loving Father, He loved us unconditionally: *“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)*



## Study Devotional of the Book of Galatians

**Verses this Month:** *Galatians 4:19-20*  
*“My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you.”*

1. Why does Paul call the Galatians “children,” rather than adult believers?
2. Can you recall any other time when Paul called a Church children or babes?
4. In what way did Paul already “travail in birth” for the Galatians, and how would he have done this again?

3. Describe what it means to have Christ “formed in you.” Do a word search in Paul’s epistles to find where Paul used the term “form” or “formed” in his epistles.

4. Paul wanted to be “present with” this Church and “change his voice.” His attitude in this letter was one of correction and “doubt.” What would have the Galatians needed to do in order to change his perspective toward them?
5. Name another epistle where Paul gave reproof or correction to a Church.

*“...for when I am weak, then am I strong.” II Corinthians 12:10*

### Questions & Answers With Deborah

**Question 1:** I have tried to share the gospel with my friend, but he seems to be closed. What can I do?

God has given us free will (volition), and therefore, we each are responsible to make our own decisions. Sometimes it is difficult to watch others make destructive, uninformed, or unwise decisions, knowing full well the consequences.

Be respectful and in love, keep your speech seasoned with salt, then continue to strategically be an ambassador. Share verses, but also through your godly life example. Invite him to a Bible study or Church service or find an article/video about a topic of interest to him from a sound Bible perspective. Try some things out of the box and then pray. Avoid pressuring him, “*But speaking the Truth in love...*” (*Eph. 4:15*) continue to be his friend, standing for the Truth.

### What You Can Do When Someone Suffers

First and foremost, pray always, and without ceasing, about all the things on your heart for this dear brother or sister. This will stir the doctrine in you to provide clarity on how to help and be used of God. For example, as Paul prayed for the Thessalonians who were in the midst of great persecution, he used the wisdom given him to realize how to strengthen them to endure: “*Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith.*” (*I Thes. 3:10*) Thus, he saw how to specifically edify them.

Additionally, allow prayer to motivate the love of Christ in you for this saint, realizing the great privilege it is to be here on Christ’s behalf and recall that we are all family, members one of another. Part of our ministry is to serve, actively loving, encouraging, and supporting members who are suffering: “*And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.*” (*I Cor. 12:26*) A few ideas to express this care: give them a call, send a card with Bible verses, offer to meet for coffee and to be a good listener, or bring over a homecooked meal or restaurant gift card. Search for loving, helpful ways to minister to them.

Meditate upon the circumstances of this saint and brainstorm unique ways to find resources or support as they go through tribulation. All this promotes godly charity, which is a motivated action of tenderheartedness, demonstrating sound doctrine working in your heart, expressed by godly love toward believers. When you see a saint suffering, purpose to live godly love, being there for them on Christ’s behalf.





## *Having The Mind of Christ by Erin Young*

Being members of the Body of Christ means we are called to do God's will. It also means Satan has a particular interest in hindering us in our walk. *1 Peter 5:8: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."* Our minds become a precious commodity once we are in Christ. It is important that we learn to guard our minds. *Ephesians 6:11-12: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."*

The best way that we can spiritually protect ourselves is by developing our minds like Christ. *1 Corinthians 2:16: "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."* *Romans 15:6: "That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."* The way we do this is of course by studying His Word as instructed in *2 Timothy 2:15*. Never forget that having the mind of Christ is simple and will never lead us down a path of confusion and chaos. *2 Corinthians 11:3: "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."*

## **Questions & Answers** *With Deborah*

### **Question 2: Please help me learn to study.**

**1. A new believer:** If you have been recently saved (justified by Christ's blood) and never read the Bible before, start reading in *Romans*. This book establishes a believer and is foundational doctrine for the Church today. (*Rom. 1:11*) Read and reread *chapter 1* and give yourself time to meditate on what it says. Pray. Then, note any words that seem unclear and look them up. Then, reread it again and move onto the next chapter and repeat. Don't worry about learning any other study skills at this point. Focus on reading, understanding, and believing it. Be patient. It's God's Book, which teaches you over a lifetime.

**2. Been a saint for a while:** Study can happen naturally as you spend a lot of time reading and thinking about the Word. As you regularly reflect on what you read in Scripture and word meanings, this can begin your study journey. Asking yourself questions, like how verses apply to you, being self-reflective about your need to adjust your actions can enhance the process.

The Spirit teaches us to study and understand at deeper levels as we search things out, comparing and contrasting verses and progressing through passages by faith. *"But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God...Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."* (*1 Cor. 2:10,12*)

Begin reading the epistles written by our Apostle Paul. Start with *Romans*, then progress through to *Philemon*. Be sure you look at the context of passages noting the 'who, what, when, where, why, and how' of verses.

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## "I Seek Not Yours, But You"



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When a godly father looks upon his family, his heart will be to help them, not seek ways 'they' can benefit 'him.' This would be self-centeredness. He thinks about how he can love, encourage, or edify, seeking 'their profit,' being motivated by charity: *"for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children."* (II Cor. 12:14.)

This attitude of family is the design for the Church, the Body of Christ. We look for the good of every member, being members one of another, not to exalt and please self. Sound doctrine teaches saints to edify, help, and care for one another. Paul relays this attitude, even when dealing with a less than gracious response: *"And I will **very gladly** spend and be spent for you, though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved."* (II Corinthians 12:15)

Additionally, our motive isn't to receive love and acceptance in return for doing good, but to do all things unto the Lord: *"For do I now persuade men, or God? Do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ."* (Gal. 1:10) So then, our role with other saints is not to use them for gain, but rather to prefer them above ourselves (Rom. 12:9-16) and build them up in the faith: *"but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying."* (II Cor. 12:19)

Notice the "very gladly" phrase in verse 15 above. This indicates Paul's heart. Serving others in this way is charity: *"Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned."* (I Tim. 1:5)

**To Do:** Take a moment to reflect on your own attitude toward saints.

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