

Grace Bible Church
2017 Biblical Counseling Conference
Track Two

Session #8

Making Much of God in Your Counseling

I. Glory 101 ~ What is the Glory of God?

We could define the glory of God as the beauty of God unveiled. It's the _____ elegance of His _____ excellencies. The glory of God is the character and beauty of God gone public.

Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork."

Where is the glory of God most clearly and most fully revealed to us?

In Jesus Christ and in the _____ that was secured by His Son's death on the cross!

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 "But even if our Gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of the darkness who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

The Hebrew word for *glory* used in the OT is '*kabod*'... and it means "weight."

The Greek word used for *glory* in the NT is '*doxa*' – and that's where we get our word '*doxology*' – and it means "fame."

So to glorify God is to spread His fame and to cause people to realize the weight and importance of who God is and what He does.

How much do you draw attention to God's glory in your counseling?

When you think about God's glory – think 'Preeminence.' And when you think preeminence think priority – because God's glory is God's top priority! In other words, God exists to showcase God!

So how much does your counseling showcase God?

The glory of God is a theme that runs all the way through the Old and New Testament.

Leviticus 10:3 "By those who come near Me, I must be regarded as holy; and before all the people I must be glorified"

Isaiah 42:8 "I am the Lord, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another..."

Isaiah 48:11 "For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do it; for how should My name be profaned? And I will not give My glory to another."

I Corinthians 10:31 "Therefore whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

II. How Can You Glorify God with Your Life and Counseling?

A. You Glorify God in Your Counseling by Doing it in Such a Way that People are _____ by You but They're not _____ up with You

2 Corinthians 2:14 "But thanks be to God who always leads us in His triumph in Christ Jesus, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place."

Acts 4:13 "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus."

Doing counseling for the glory of God means making a great name for God... not us!

Psalms 115:1 "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your Name be glory because of Your mercy, because of Your truth."

I Corinthians 10:31 "Therefore whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

B. You Glorify God in Your Counseling When You Show Others How You Go to Him First for Your Deepest _____

Psalms 34:8 "Taste and see that the Lord is good..."

Psalms 36:8 "They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house. And you give them drink from the river of Your pleasures."

What you yearn for, desire, and find your deepest satisfaction in - you glorify.
Ahhhhh! leads to awe!

"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him." **John Piper**