

Glorifying GOD by Loving and Building Christ's Church

Text: I Corinthians 10:31 (NLT)

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31 teaches that every action, no matter how routine, should honor God. It means acting with gratitude, recognizing Him as the provider, and ensuring actions, including eating, reflect love and obedience rather than selfishness or excess.

Key aspects of this Command Include:

- 1) **Intention:** Even mundane, everyday activities like eating and drinking can be used to glorify God.
- 2) **Gratitude:** Acknowledging God as the source of daily sustenance and expressing thanks.
- 3) **Lifestyle:** Extending this principle to all actions (work, speech, behavior) to ensure they align with His will.
- 4) **Self-Examination:** It serves as a test for conduct—if an act cannot be done for His glory, it should be avoided.

GOD WANTS EVERY MEMBER OF HIS BODY TO BUILD THE CHURCH USING THE GIFT HE GAVE US...

To Bring HIM Glory

Ephesians 4:10-16 (NASB)

¹⁰ He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.) ¹¹ And He gave some *as* apostles, some *as* prophets, some *as* evangelists, some *as* pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *that is*, Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

God's perfect design for Church growth is every member growing to be perfect (mature) doing what the HOLY SPIRIT has given you to do, using the gift he gave us.

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I Corinthians 12:12-26 (NASB)

¹² For just as the body is one and *yet* has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ For the body is not one part, but many. ¹⁵ If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a *part* of the body," it is not for this reason any less a *part* of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a *part* of the body," it is not for this reason any less a *part* of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole *body* were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But now God has arranged the parts, each one of them in the body, just as He desired. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ But now there are many parts, but one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again, the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, it is much truer that the parts of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary; ²³ and those *parts* of the body which we consider less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor, and our less presentable parts become much more presentable, ²⁴ whereas our more presentable parts have no need *of it*. But God has *so* composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that *part* which lacked, ²⁵ so that there may be no division in the body, but *that* the parts may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ And if one *part of the body* suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if a part is honored, all the parts rejoice with it.

If a Child of GOD is Not Striving to Understand and Use His GIFT, Is He Glorifying GOD?

Luke 6:46 (NASB)

"Now why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

Matthew 7:21-23 (NASB)

²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. ²² "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' ²³ "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; LEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

James 1:22 (NASB)

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not just hearers who deceive themselves.

Romans 2:13 (NASB)

for it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified.

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Titus 1:16 (NASB)

They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.

RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION OF FAITH:

- 1. HEAR the GOSPEL ~ Romans 10:17**
So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.
- 2. BELIEVE ~ Hebrews 11:6**
But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.
- 3. REPENT ~ Luke 13:3**
I tell you nay; but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.
- 4. CONFESS ~ Matthew 10:32-33**
Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.
- 5. BE BAPTIZED ~ Acts 22:16**
And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.
- 6. BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH ~ Revelation 2:10**
Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.