



THE PURPOSE OF VIRTUE

The purpose of adding virtue (developing and displaying the excellencies of Jesus Christ) to our lives is to **glorify** God. This happens as people see our virtue and recognize it as coming from God. Self-glorification perverts virtue and prevents God from receiving glory.

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the goal: Glorifying God

We glorify God, because he has **saved us**. (1 Peter 2:9-12, 1 Cor. 6:20)

We glorify God by **showing others** a life that only God can produce. (1 Peter 2:12)

the obstacle: Glorifying Self

Our selfishness pursues excellence for **it's own gain**. (Matt. 6:1-5)

Our selfishness pursues excellence in **the wrong way**. (Matt. 23:27-28)

We should seek to live with excellent moral character and conduct for the purpose of **magnifying God before others**. Those “others” may be extended family, coworkers, people in the community, or even fellow church members. As we live in virtue--in our purpose of developing and displaying the excellencies of Jesus Christ, we glorify God before their eyes.

PURSUING GOSPEL GROWTH

- What are some things we could do to keep the goal of glorifying God a priority in our lives?
- What effect does virtue have on our proclamation of the Gospel? How else does a lack of virtue affect our testimony?
- What might be some warning signs that our virtue might be corrupted with self glorifying pride?