

sermonnotes

Making God Big



Boasting and bragging of one's accomplishments is not only repulsive, but it feeds pride in our lives. However, there is a boasting that the Bible _____.

"But, 'let him who boasts boast in the Lord.' For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one who the Lord commends." *1 Corinthians 10:17-18*

Rather than declaring our greatness we need to declare God's greatness. Instead of promoting ourselves our focus should be on promoting God.

The results of boasting in ourselves versus the benefits of boasting in God:

1. When we boast in ourselves _____ grows, but when we boast in the Lord _____ grows.
 - "God opposes the proud, but gives grace (favor) to the humble." (*James 4:6*) When we boast in ourselves, we literally move away from God's favor.
 - *2 Chronicles 26:15-16*
2. When we boast in _____, we promote ourselves, but when we boast in the Lord He promotes _____.
 - "One of you routs a thousand, because the Lord your God fights for you, just as He promised. So be very careful to love the Lord your God." (*Joshua 23:10*)

3. When we boast in ourselves we draw the applause of _____, but when we boast in the Lord we draw the applause of _____.
 - "The Lord your God is with you, he's mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing." (*Zephaniah 3:17*)
4. When we boast in ourselves we get bigger in our own _____, but when we boast in the Lord He gets bigger in our _____.
 - "I will celebrate before the Lord. I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes." (*2 Samuel 6:21-22*)

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- When you first wake up—before your feet hit the floor—boast in the Lord. (*Psalms 9:1-2*)
- Look for God at work to identify opportunities to boast in the Lord.
- Intentionally tell God _____.

Answers: recommends; pride, humility; ourselves, us; others, heaven; eyes, lives; stories



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