

# **Beyond the Sermon**

## **A Sermon Application Guide**

Title: Glorifying God (Growing Deeper; a series on Romans 1:21, Part 1)

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

### **Message Theme & Prayer Focus**

"Going Deeper - Part 1"

*"Father God, thank you for the truth in this message that you have for me. I prepare my heart to receive it, and I pray that you would encourage me and quicken my heart to honor the seed of truth that you plant in me. Thank you for continuing to speak to me, encourage me, love me, and give me the strength to carry on your plan for my life, in Jesus' name. Amen."*

### **Key Truths & Applications**

Scripture says that the deep in God calls to the deep in us, and the spirit of man is the candle of the Lord. This means that God communicates with us speaking to our heart—our spirit. He is illuminating the ways we should live and go, but it's up to us to acknowledge this by knowing Him personally, glorifying and thanking Him for who He is and what He has done.

The first step in going deeper with God is by glorifying Him.

To glorify is to consider with esteem, to value, and to prize something. God reveals Himself to us through His Word and by His Spirit so in order for us to go "Deeper in God", we must first revere and esteem His Word as He does. God has magnified His Word above His name. That means that He values and stands by His Word so highly that He will honor His Word or He would cease to be Himself. He is watching over His Word to make sure that it comes to pass.

There are some big areas of life that we can value and esteem God's Word, which in turn glorifies Him.

1. Gathering in community with believers. Hebrews 10:25 encourages us to continue meeting together, supporting, and encouraging one another. God designed us to live in community.

2. Giving of our finances to God. We're told in Malachi 3:10 to bring our tithes into the church so that plenty can be given back. Giving God the 10% He's asked for will always bless the remaining 90% to go further than the 100% ever could.

3. Keeping a Biblical worldview. When God's Word is our number one standard, and not cultural preferences, we'll see the world through the right lens. The health of our marriage,

children, body, work, and everything else depends on us seeing properly and acting accordingly. We can only do that when we keep God's Word the standard and not deviate because of personal feelings or convenience.

4. Serving Him with a glad heart. When we serve the Lord together, wherever we are, it blesses Him, the people that we serve, and ourselves as well. This expands His Kingdom and brings others into His family to experience His goodness.

The effectiveness of God's Word can be choked out of our lives if we value, esteem, and give weight to other things above it. We will lose our victory, peace, joy, and blessings by esteeming things above God's Word. But when we prioritize His Word as our standard, we'll see everything it says come to pass in our lives because of who God is.

The main thing is that we don't just do what the Bible says, but that we have the heart and motive to do it— that we have a heart that reveres God. We let our heart that is turned toward God be the driving force behind doing what He says cheerfully. We first adjust our heart to value God, His Word, and then allow that to adjust our actions. That's how we truly honor, esteem, and glorify God.

#### **Key Verses:**

- Psalm 42:7, 89:34, 138:2
- Proverbs 20:27, 24:7
- Hosea 10:12
- Isaiah 55:6-7
- Romans 1:21
- 1 Thessalonians 2:13, 4:3-5
- Jeremiah 1:12
- Matthew 24:35
- Hebrews 10:25
- Malachi 3:10
- 2 Corinthians 4:17, 8:12, 11:23-33
- 2 Timothy 3:14
- Mark 4:15-19
- Luke 14:26
- Philippians 1:21-24, 3:7-8

#### **Declarations**

*"I shift my heart toward God, His Word, and His ways. I esteem and glorify Him in my life. I choose today to make His Word the standard for my life. I follow what He says, where He leads me, and give all glory back to Him. I release control over any areas of my life that I have not used to glorify God, and I turn my affection and my actions toward Him. It's by His strength that I live, breathe, and have my being and it is by His Spirit that I will continue to live and walk in His ways, in Jesus' name."*

#### **What's Next?**

Now it's time to write down anything that the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

## Scripture References

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#### **Proverbs 20:27 KJV**

The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord...

#### **John 4:24 ASV**

God is a Spirit...

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:23 NKJV**

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Hosea 10:12 NKJV**

...Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the Lord...

#### **Isaiah 55:6-7 NKJV**

Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts...

#### **Romans 1:21 NKJV**

...although they knew God...

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because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

#### **Matthew 12:33 NKJV**

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad..."

#### **Psalms 138:2 NKJV**

For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

#### **Jeremiah 1:12 NASB**

... I am watching over My word to perform it."

#### **Matthew 24:34 CSB**

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

#### **Psalms 89:34 NKJV**

My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

#### **1 Thessalonians 2:13 NKJV**

For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

**Hebrews 10:25 NKJV**

not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Hebrews 10:25 NKJV**

...not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...

**Malachi 3:10 NKJV**

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing

**2 Corinthians 8:12 NKJV**

For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have.

**Proverbs 24:27 NKJV**

Prepare your outside work, Make it fit for yourself in the field; And afterward build your house.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 MSG**

every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

**Psalms 119:128 NKJV**

Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way.

**Mark 4:15 NKJV**

And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.

**Luke 14:25-27 NKJV**

Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

**Hebrews 12:2 NKJV**

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame...

**Philippians 3:7-8 KJV**

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

**Psalms 119:72 NKJV**

The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of coins of gold and silver.

**Romans 11:13 NKJV**

For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry,

**Psalms 69:30 NKJV**

And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

**2 Corinthians 4:17 NKJV**

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

**2 Corinthians 11:23-33 NKJV**

Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.