

Decision Time

A Question of Honor

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Matthew 5:14-16

I want to give all the glory to God," says the winning quarterback during the post-game press conference. Though those words might sound insincere from overuse, why is he intent on passing on the glory? Why not just take all the credit for your accomplishments? Why pass it on?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What positive and/or negative examples have you seen of people giving/taking credit for their accomplishments? Would you consider yourself a glory-hog? How do you respond to criticism and praise?
2. Do you agree with the Christian belief that people were created to reflect glory to God instead of receive glory? How does it make you feel to hear that you were created to bring glory to God?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. What issues concerning your bodily health need to change in order to bring glory to God?
4. Read Matthew 5:14-16. How can you respond to credit and glory so that they are reflected to God? Would you even agree that living for your own glory is a fruitless venture?
5. How can you continue to "give God the glory" and still maintain a healthy self-image?
6. What areas of your life would change if you asked the question, "What would be most honoring to God?"

Most of our decisions are saturated with emotion. And in some cases, those emotions become misguided passions . . . passions that cloud our ability to accurately evaluate circumstances. So, we must pay attention to our consciences, that small voice inside our heads that reminds us to make the right decision and to allow God to determine the outcome. Paying attention to the tension may be what keeps you from making a decision you'll regret.