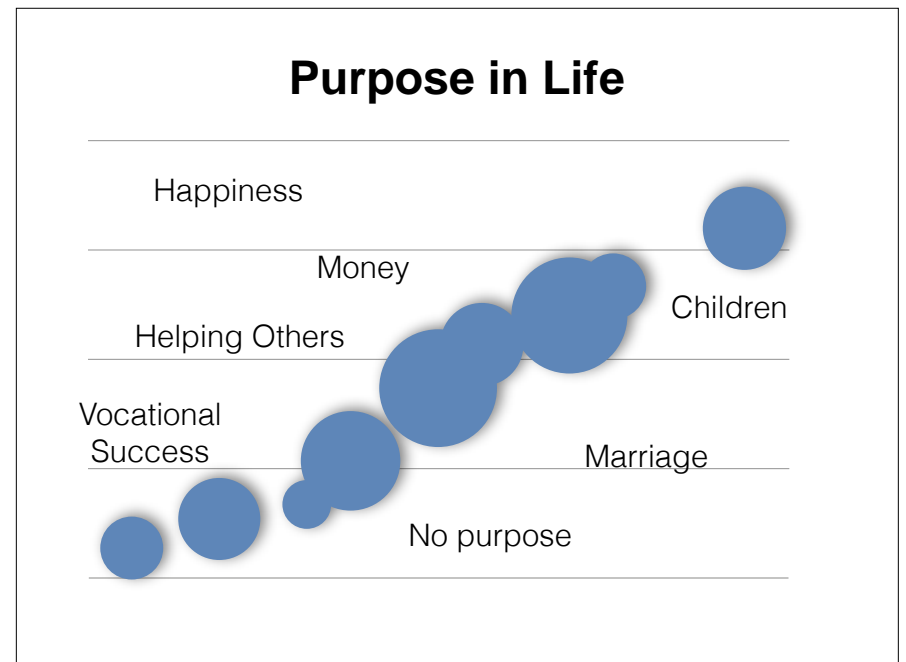
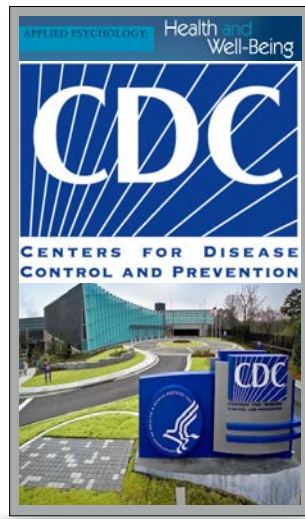




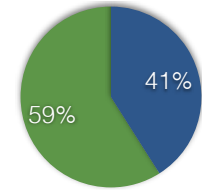
**In your own words,  
what is the  
purpose of life?**



In a 2010 report from the CDC, 40% of Americans have not discovered a satisfying life purpose. 1/4 feel neutral or do not have a strong sense of what makes their lives meaningful.

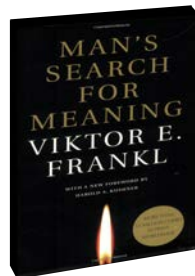


<http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2013/01/theres-more-to-life-than-being-happy/266805/>



A high percentage (78 percent) of Americans agree that, “it is important that I pursue a higher purpose and meaning for my life.” Yet 41% admit they only think about it yearly, or not at all. **Meaning at best, only 37% of people take it seriously.**

“Frankl concluded that the difference between those who had lived and those who had died came down to one thing: *Meaning*.”



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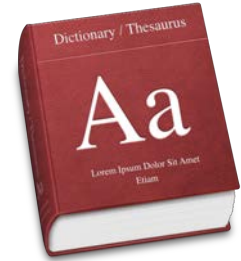
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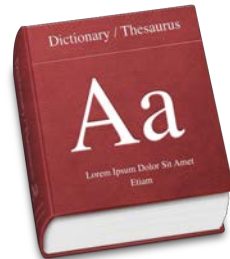
**glory:**  
noun

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won by notable  
achievements.



**glorify:**  
verb

1. reveal or make clearer  
the glory of (*God*) by one's  
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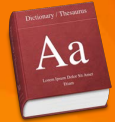


***So whether you eat or  
drink or *whatever you  
do, do it all for the glory  
of God.**** - 1Cor. 10:31

## 2. Creation, the Angels and Jesus all testify to Gods Glory.

Old Testament: “**Kavod**” (200 times)

**Kavod**= Weight, Value



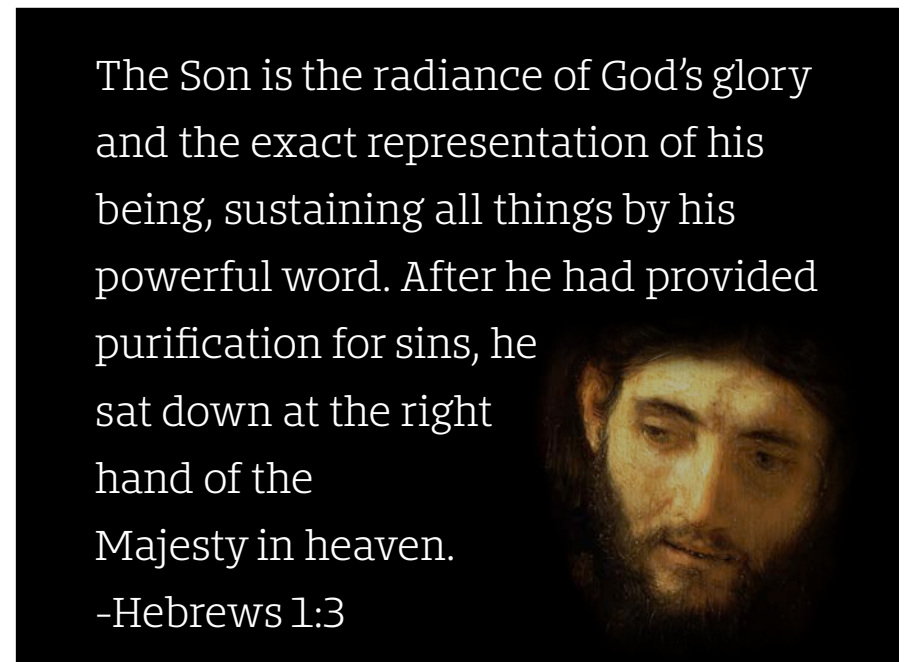
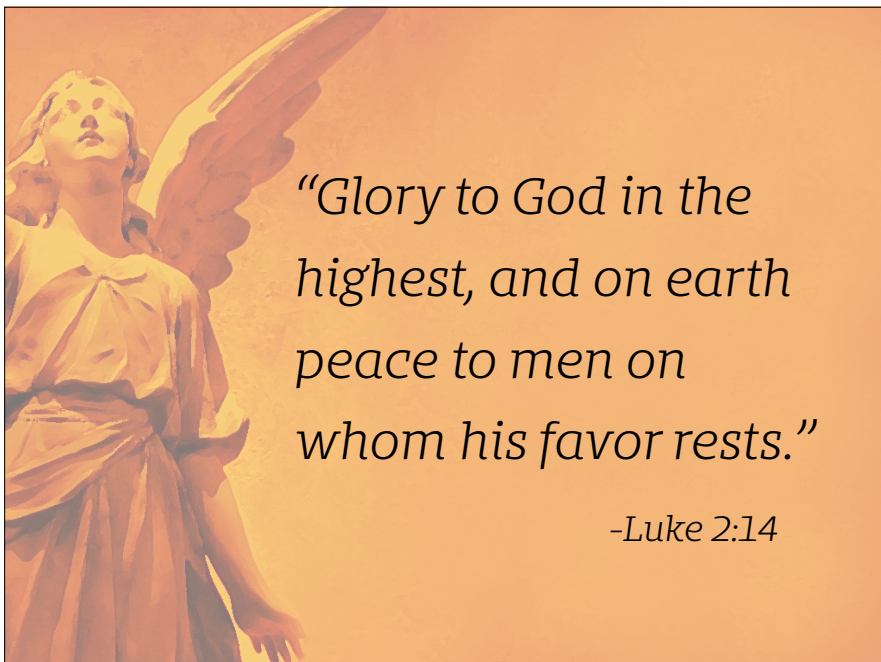
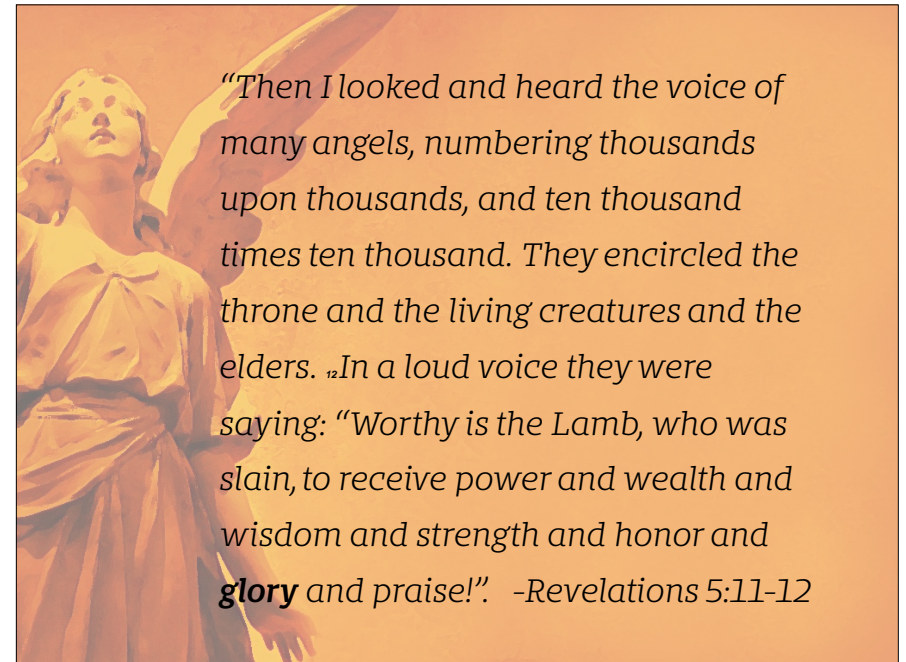
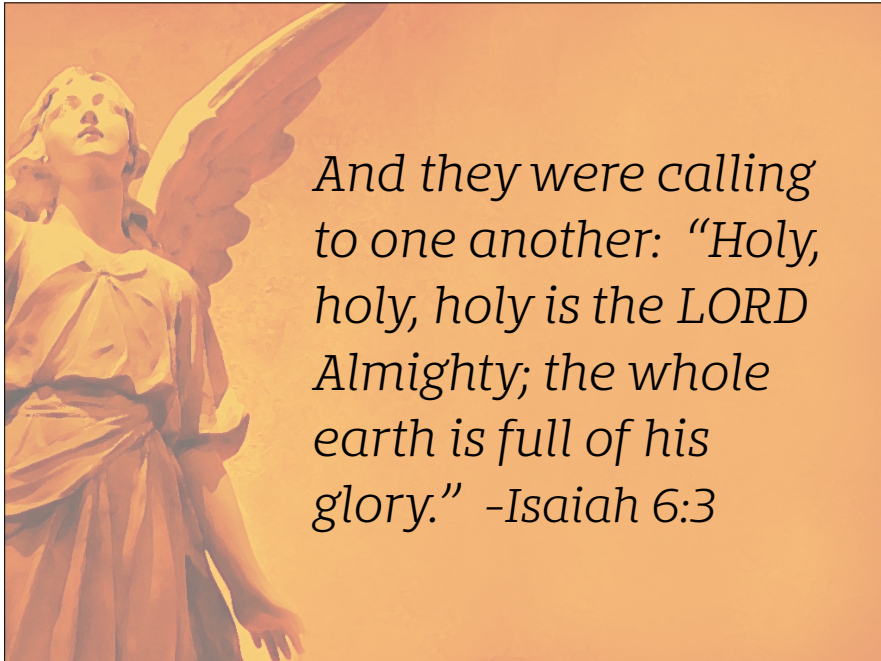
New Testament: “**Doxa**” (168 times)

**Doxa**= In praise of something

*The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
-Psalm 19:1*

*For since the creation of the world God's  
invisible qualities—his eternal power and  
divine nature—have been clearly seen, being  
understood from what has been made, so that  
men are without excuse. -Romans 1:20*





“I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.” -John 17:4



**We should glorify God too!**

*This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*

-John 15:8

“Religion works,” he goes on. “I know there’s comfort there, a crash pad. It’s something to explain the world and tell you there is something bigger than you, and it is going to be alright in the end. It works because it’s comforting.”



I grew up believing in it, and it worked for me in whatever my little personal high school crisis was, but it didn't last for me. I didn't understand this idea of a God who says, 'You have to acknowledge me.'



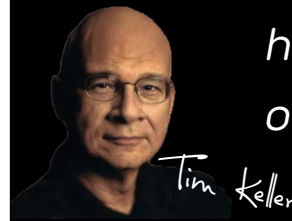
You have to say that I'm the best, and then I'll give you eternal happiness. If you won't, then you don't get it!' It seemed to be about ego. I can't see God operating from ego, so it made no sense to me.



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C.S. Lewis begins recounting a problem he had with many of the Psalms, namely that God so often calls people to praise him, "*We despise the man who demands continued assurance of his own virtue, intelligence, or delightfulness,*".

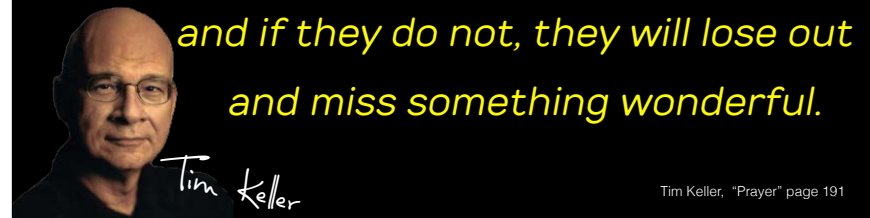


It almost seemed as though God were saying,  
*“What I most want is to be told that I am good and great.”*



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As time went on, Lewis began to reflect on why we praise anything at all. What do we mean, for example, when we say that a picture, a piece of music, or a book is “admirable”? We mean that people ought to admire those things,



*and if they do not, they will lose out and miss something wonderful.*

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This began to help Lewis understand the calls to praise God. If God is the great object of admiration behind all beauty and magnificence, then to praise and admire him would be



*“simply to be awake, to have entered the real world,”*

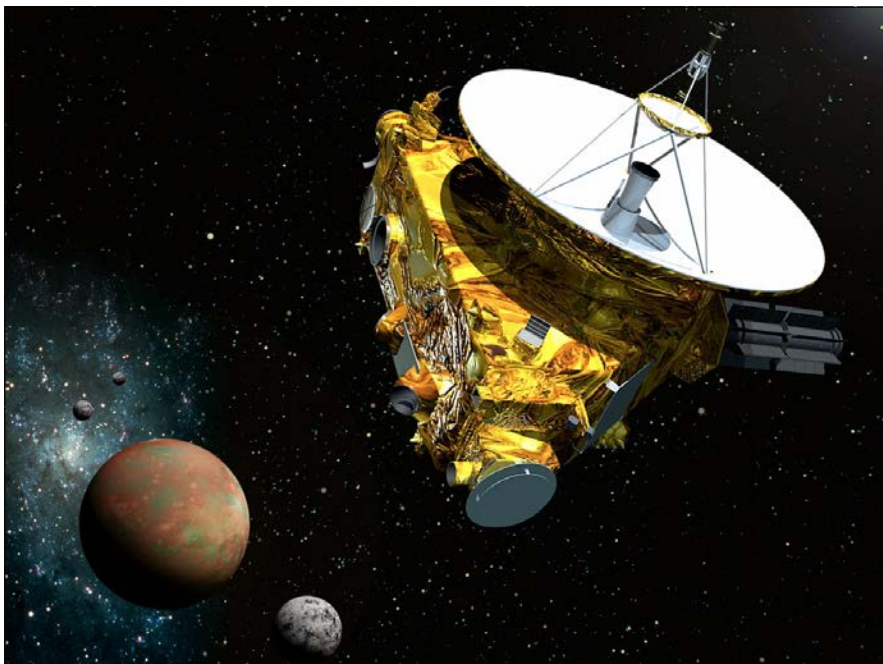
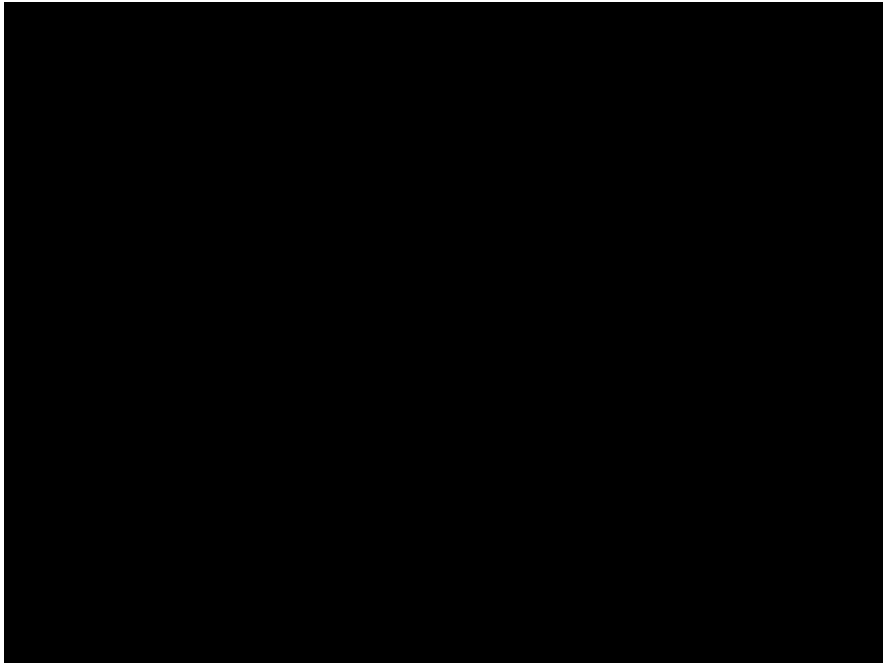
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while not doing so would be to become far more profoundly crippled than those who are blind, deaf, and bedridden.



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**Get to know God better.** -Luke 10:27

**Love and serve others.** -Luke 10:27

**Obey God's clear teaching.** -John 14:15

**Retell God's Good News.** -1Peter 3:15

**Yoke yourself to others who love God.**  
-Hebrews 10:24-25

## Ephesians 3:20-21

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do  
immeasurably more than all we ask or  
imagine, according to his power that is at  
work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be **glory** in the  
church and in Christ Jesus throughout all  
generations, for ever and ever!