



Destructive Desire #4: Personal Glory

-- The desire for personal glory brings a pursuit of _____ praise (v. 43).

-- The Pharisees loved to be noticed by other people (Mat.6:5, 23:5-7).

-- Even in worship, the Pharisees' wanted to exalt themselves.

-- *Where are our thoughts in worship services? Are we focused on God's glory or our own?*

-- Self-worship is inevitably _____ by God's truth (v. 45).

-- The Gospel of Jesus Christ is and always will be offensive to a self-exalting world (John 15:20-21).

-- **The way the teachers of the Law responded to Jesus demonstrates their hearts of self-worship (v. 45).**

-- To them, the fact that they _____ offended by Jesus was more important than the fact that they _____ offensive to God.

-- Rather than bowing before the judgment of Jesus, they wanted Jesus to bow before their judgments of Him.

-- Whenever we know God's truth yet take offense to it nonetheless, we are planted in the deadly ground of self-worship.

-- **The more easily and more often we feel _____, the more likely it is that we desire personal glory.**

-- *Which upsets you more: When someone insults God, or when someone insults you?*

-- *Are we more zealous for His glory or our own?*

-- A spirit of self-worship _____ everyone it influences (v. 44).

-- v. 44 – “...you are like unmarked graves...”

-- It was necessary to avoid gravesites because, according to the Law, walking over one made a person ceremonially unclean.

-- The Pharisees' were like unmarked graves because their attitudes and teaching defiled everyone who looked to and listened to them.

-- Our lives will only be as satisfying as what we _____.

-- Whatever we want most will define our greatest prospects for joy.

-- To want personal glory is, in the end, to want something worthless, and to pursue it is to waste one's life.

-- Self-worship is so depressing because in our hearts we know that we are not truly worthy of praise.

-- D.L. Moody – “God sends no one away empty except those who are full of themselves.”

-- When life feels small and unsatisfying it is usually because the object of our worship is small and unsatisfying.

What to Want (Part 4): The Glory of God

-- 1 Corinthians 10:31, Philippians 1:20-21

-- Wanting God's glory is an infinitely perfect desire (Psalm 86:8-10 Revelation 15:4).

-- Ultimately, bringing glory to God is the _____ worthwhile purpose of life, and it is infinitely rewarding (Philippians 1:21, Psalm 37:4).