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TEN RESPONSIBILITIES OF MAN TO GOD

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Responsibilities	Explanation with Scripture Passages	Additional Notes
The Responsibility of Glorifying God	Definition of glorify: "Make or render glorious" ¹ ; God is to be glorified in history (Isa 26:15), worshipped and revered, all which are due him ² . In fact, man's purpose for being created is to glorify God (Isa 43:7), which is done through acts of worship (I Chron 16:29), praise (Is 42:12) and obedience (Mat 5:16). Magnifying God would also be glorifying him.	Glorifying, loving, and obeying God are the main three responsibilities of man. Obedience will eventually be fulfilled God's way (Mat 5:18).
The Responsibility of Loving God	While obedience proper is of utmost importance, loving the Lord, the greatest commandment, precedes it (Deut 6:5), namely without which one cannot obey God (Matt 22:37-38). There's nothing to lose at all to love the Lord with your whole being. Genuine love will be manifested in actions. The better you know the Lord, the more you will love him.	Love comes from God (I John 4:7-8), and you will spend time pursuing the things you love. Extra incentives can spur on love for Christ (Psa 116:1).
The Responsibility of Obeying God	Definition of obedience: To listen or hear ³ , or to fulfill a commandment (I John 3:4). While motives can waver at times (Jonah 3:3), having the right motive will help with long-term obedience. It's still crucial to love the Lord with your whole heart to ensure obedience. At times, it'll be easy to obey when at other times testings, which God does employ, can prove otherwise. Coincidence to see this verse (Rev 14:12) near the end of time? No way!	Not all acts of disobedience will have the same devastating consequences as Adam's disobedience (Gen 3:6), but nonetheless obedience is still of utmost importance.
Core Principle: Man's main purpose in being created is to glorify God, and this is accomplished by loving and obeying him.		

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The Responsibility of Believing God	To establish a relationship with God, there has to be faith (Heb 11:6). Adam would have believed in God's existence, but other aspects were more challenging. The design we live in (not being able to see God) calls for faith, but after salvation, the call for faith continues, even in the most difficult of situations. Moses' lack of faith cost him his ticket into the promise land (Num. 20:12), which reveals the importance this factor holds.	The Bible doesn't acknowledge atheism as a belief system, only that alleged atheists say that there is no God (Psalm 14:1), but without acknowledgement that they actually believe this.
The Responsibility of Fearing God	Nothing motivates people towards obedience quicker than the fear of the consequences of disobedience. However, there is an unhealthy fear (Jud 6:10) that doesn't produce godliness at all, but rather bondage (Heb 2:15). While fearing hell is a motivation for people to get saved, fearing God the right way is as healthy for the soul (Deut 6:2) as it is rewarding, as it helps keep the positives (obedience) and the negatives (punishment) in check.	A newly-wed, hiding under a blanket all night to keep from getting bitten by poisonous snakes found that her hair had turned white during the night, exemplifies unhealthy fear.
The Responsibility of Knowing God	There will be a stark difference between knowing or understanding a situation and knowing an entity that bears life, such as God. While we can't see God, we have the knowledge of his existence in our hearts and minds, and most importantly, we have special revelation (the Bible) to instruct us. Knowing him equals salvation and victory over sin. Moses understood the ways of God (Ps 103:7). We are to know things about God, for example, his handling of vengeance (Heb 10:30), the results of a relationship with him (I John 2:3), and the power of the resurrection of Christ (Phil 3:10).	We are to increase our knowledge of Christ (2 Pet 3:18), which helps us bear fruit (II Pet 1:8). While God doesn't change, some aspects won't be figured out (Job 36:26), while other aspects (2 Sam 24:14) can be understood (Jonah 4:2).
Underlying Principle: Obedience to the Lord is always a win-win situation while disobedience always leads you into the opposite direction.		

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The Responsibility of Serving God	Definition of service: work, serve, enslave, affairs, attend, (OT usage); run errands, render religious homage, service, (NT usage) ⁴ . Service to the Lord is for the Lord (Rom 16:18), which would include obedience (Deut 10:12), but would also go past basic obedience such as service to him. There's the full-time work associated with the church such as "table-servers" (Acts 6:2).	Teaching in Sunday school would be example of service, but service wouldn't be limited to church. Christians establishing good testimonies in the workplace would be another example.
The Responsibility of Worshipping God	Being made to worship, man is capable of engaging in unholy worship, but real worship is due respect paid to deity, and the God of the Bible forbids worship (Luke 4:8) of any other God (Ex 34:14). Forms of worship include praise and thanksgiving, prayer, tithes and offerings, and church attendance.	An atheist once pulled out a bill and said that he worships money. They still worship something as we were designed to worship something.
The Responsibility of Trusting God	No matter how difficult the challenge (1 Ch 5:20), it's imperative that believers put their trust (2 Sam 22:31) in the living God (Psalm 118:8-9). While we have brains to employ, putting your trust in God takes place in your heart. There will be a stark difference between those who trust in God and those who don't.	"In God we Trust" is an excellent motto to be printed on money (Psalm 62:10).
The Responsibility of Propagating God	Whether you are in full-time ministry, a missionary, or a lay Christian, it's the responsibility of believers to spread the gospel (Matt 28:18-20), which is one reason we aren't taken to heaven right after getting saved (John 17:15). You yourself got saved because someone was doing their job.	Praying daily for the lost to be saved and invitations to church are aspects that would be included in this responsibility.
Handling the responsibilities that God entrusts to you (Matt 11:30) is much easier than handling responsibilities the world dumps on you.		

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