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Going Out Of Your Way To Give Glory - John 17:1-26

Our world teaches us that we gain at the expense of others. Jesus demonstrates that we gain at His expense but must cooperate with him in what He has determined is in our best interest.

Romans 5:6-8

Desire for shared loving unity with reciprocal glorifying one another so that the world will know the Father sent the Son because he loves those in the world and wants them with Him.

Revelation now comes through the “church” the “set apart by truth” people who are light and salt bearers to a darkened and bland existence. This is the church’s work.

Jesus knows the evil one seeks to distort in order to destroy by calling into question and challenging anything that claims to be truth.

C.S. Lewis, *The Screw Tape Letters*

Create Distractions:

Focus on Others, Keep them from praying, Wrong Goals

Create Irritations:

Increase pride, Increase irritation, Keep them unaware of self

Undermine Faith:

Focus on detriments, hinder formation of virtues,

Fiend’s Greatest Weapon:

Worldliness, Forbidden pleasure, Moderated religion, Yielding

Fiend’s Greatest Fear:

Really loving, Really trusting, Really committed

Grenz challenge to the Church: By the power of the Spirit Glorify God.