

## A RESPONSIBILITY TO BOAST

As the school year comes to an end, proud parents and grandparents are sharing graduation pictures, accolades, and congratulations for their loved ones on social media. The word *proud* appears numerous times, almost as if it's being shouted from the rooftops! It's important to acknowledge and celebrate children and their accomplishments. No one understands this better than an educator. Boasting about our children or students isn't just desired; it's expected. It's part of our culture and widely accepted. Most educators find it comes naturally. This raises the question: *Why is it so difficult for us to boast in the Lord? Do we have a responsibility to share God's accomplishments, too?*

### Read Psalm 34:1-3 (NLT).

*How often did David claim to praise (some translations say bless) the Lord?*

*How did David praise the Lord?*

*David mentioned boasting only in the Lord. Why did he do this? (v. 3)*

*Who did David invite to boast with him?*

Educators are often cautious about tooting their own horns. They don't want to appear egotistical and certainly don't want to be envied by others. However, the Bible says every good and perfect gift is from above ([James 1:17](#)). It also says the only way to live a Godly and righteous life is through His divine power ([1 Peter 1:3](#)). The gifts we are given and the good we do isn't about us but about what He accomplishes through us. Giving God the credit opens the floodgates to boast, giving the glory to where it belongs. Those who hear will be encouraged!

### Read Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NLT).

*What does the Lord say we should not boast about?*

*What does the Lord say we should boast about?*

*Consider boasting about what God has done for you, is still doing, and/or has promised to do. Write down a few thoughts and pledge to tell someone this week. We have a responsibility to boast!*

*Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for being our loving, just, and righteous Father. We exalt your name together. You are good and faithful. Forgive us, Lord, for remaining silent and not sharing how you are working in our lives. Thank you for gifting us with so much. We know every good thing we have comes from you. You alone deserve the glory. Give us the courage to tell others of your goodness in our lives. We love you. In Jesus name, amen.*