

Chick-fil-A's Dan Cathy: 'We're Here to Glorify God'

Avid Chick-fil-A fans were recently served up yet another reason to love the iconic fast-food brand, as former CEO Dan Cathy spoke in-depth about the company's quest to "glorify God."

Cathy, now chair of the board after his son Andrew Truett Cathy became CEO in 2021, told Chief Executive magazine why he decided to double down on the mission his father, S. Truett Cathy, set out for Chick-fil-A, remaining closed on Sundays and sticking to closely held principles.

"At Chick-fil-A, we are very grounded on our corporate purpose, to be a purpose-driven organization," he said. "That purpose is defined in the statement that we're here to glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that's entrusted to us and have a positive influence on all who come in contact with Chick-fil-A."

Cathy said the company wants to "impact people's lives" and to also be a "good steward" of what it has been given.

Recognizing none of the money or accolades can go with Chick-fil-A's leaders after they die, he stressed keeping everything in perspective.

 "We only have it for just a moment in time, so let's be a good steward of it," Cathy told Chief Executive. "And then, ultimately, let's acknowledge our Creator. Let's have a sense of humility, let's have a teachable spirit, let's be willing to be submissive, all of which we learn in our faith experience to honor the Lord and seek to honor Him in all that we do."

Last year, Chick-fil-A was again voted America's favorite

fast-food restaurant chain—an honor bestowed upon the company for the eighth year in a row, according to the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI).

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