



## Elders

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## The benefits of pleasing God

### Text

#### Proverbs 26: vs 7

When a man's ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

No matter how much we give God, we can never come close to scratching the surface of what He has done for us—much less what He wants to do for us.

In this life He offers awesome benefits,

Still, in this life Christians will face persecution and tribulation, but as Jesus Christ said, John 16: vs 33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

And in the future, He has an incredible gift in store for His faithful flock: Lk12: vs 32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

Psalm26: vs11 "You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore" (Psalm 16:11).

The enemy 1Peter 5: vs 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour

John 10: vs 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

### 7 ways to please God

Here is a quick overview of how to please God:

1. Having faith pleases God.
2. Be spiritually minded.
3. Fear God.
4. Study and follow Jesus Christ's example.

5. Obey God.
6. Do God's will.
7. Give the sacrifice God wants. These ways are covered in detail below.

### The challenge of giving to God

Talk about Someone who has everything! Finding a gift that will please God can seem challenging! But thankfully the Bible tells us not only what God hates (such as in Proverbs 6:16-19) but how to please God—what He delights in—as well.

And best of all, what pleases God is also what will make us happiest and most satisfied. Ultimately we will be most fulfilled when we fulfil God's purpose for our lives—because He loves us and wants the best for us forever!

So let's look at seven ways the Bible tells us we can please God.

### 1. Having faith pleases God.

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). This passage identifies faith—belief in God and believing He will do what He says He will do—as a prerequisite for pleasing God. It also gives a prime example of this kind of faith: Enoch (verse 5). Enoch lived in the increasingly evil world before the Flood, but he didn't go the evil way other people were going. Instead, he "walked with God" and "he pleased God" (Genesis 5:24; Hebrews 11:5).

Enoch not only believed in the Creator God, he believed God would come to earth with "ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment" (Jude 1:14-15) and make everything right. Enoch knew that ungodly deeds bring evil results and must be replaced by godly deeds—walking the way God walks—for this world to experience real peace and joy. When we believe in God and believe what He says, that faith will also please God.

### 2. Being spiritually minded pleases God.

"For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God" (Romans 8:6-8).

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### Quotable Quotes.

*"The fact that social media has leveled the playing field doesn't offer you the right to disrespect the elderly"* — Bernard

*Kelvin Clive*



*THE BENEFITS OF PLEASING GOD contd.*

“One of the things I enjoy about being young is learning from my elders without them giving direct advise.”

— Unarine Ramaru

The Great Master implored us to be like a little child; without LUST for Money, Power and Fame.

“The elders are the history and mirror of the living past. Study them to brighten your life and future.”

— Ehsan Sehgal

“If elders could bequeath their experience and knowledge of life to children without the children making any mistakes, they would save them from a lifetime of heartaches.”

The Bible contrasts two mind-sets: the normal, human one (the fleshly, carnal mind) and the one led by the Spirit of God (the spiritual mind, verse 9). Thus having the Holy Spirit dwelling in us and leading us is another prerequisite for pleasing God. In Acts 2:38 the apostle Peter summarized the process God has set for us to follow to receive His Spirit: “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Leading up to the passage in Romans 8, the apostle Paul explained his own experience with the two mind-sets. As challenging as he shows the process of change is in Romans 7, he makes clear that Jesus Christ will deliver us (verse 25) and that as a result of the change we become beloved “children of God” (8:16-17). Does this please God? Yes! Jesus said there is “joy in heaven over one sinner who repents” (Luke 15:7). God loves to add to His family.

**3. The fear of the Lord pleases God.**

“The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy” (Psalm 147:11). It’s not that God delights in having us be terrified of Him. Psalm 147 describes God as the One who “heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds” (verse 3). The passage praises His mercy, His knowledge (He knows the names of all the stars!) and His power to save the humble (verses 4-6). The Bible tells us to fear God, not because it is good for Him, but because it is good for us to accurately recognize that He is more powerful than anything else. Acknowledging this shows our deep respect for Him. The proper fear and respect of God will motivate us to avoid sin (Exodus 20:20). It reminds us that God will hold us accountable for our actions. Fearing God allows us to rely on Him and revere Him—which can deepen our love for the All-Powerful God who cares enough to stoop down and deliver a puny little human like me!

**4. Studying and following Jesus Christ’s example pleases God.**

“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” (Matthew 17:5). Jesus truly was the Son of God, and there is no one who has pleased God more! We should all hear Him and follow His example.

Jesus said He always did “those things that please Him” (John 8:29), so we should study the four Gospels to learn how we, too, can please God. ”

**5. Obeying God pleases Him.**

“Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice” (1 Samuel 15:22). In this passage, the prophet Samuel expressed God’s displeasure with Israel’s first king Saul. Saul had disobeyed God’s direct command with the excuse that “the people” had wanted to give what should have been destroyed to God instead. But God doesn’t want our physical gifts if we are going to break His laws to give them! Again, God doesn’t command us to obey just because it is good for Him, but because it is good for us (Deuteronomy 10:13). His laws and commands are beneficial; and as a result of obeying Him, we grow in godly, righteous character—we become more like Him! This is how to please God. The fact that obeying God is pleasing to Him is expressed in various ways throughout the Bible. God has “pleasure in

uprightness,” He will bless those who “keep My Sabbaths, and choose what pleases Me” and who “abstain from sexual immorality” and avoid breaking any of God’s commandments (1 Chronicles 29:17; Isaiah 56:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-3).

**6. Doing God’s will pleases God.**

“[May God] make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen” (Hebrews 13:21).

“If we want to learn how to please God, we must seek God’s help to always do His will as well.

“What is God’s will? God’s desires, His commands and His plans are expressed throughout the Bible. In fact, the Bible was given to us to show us His will and to help us in a sense read His mind. Studying the Bible, meditating on it and praying about it are keys to gaining deeper understanding of His will. God’s will for us goes beyond just knowing what He wants. It involves doing “every good work”—working at maturing spiritually and becoming more like God (Matthew 5:48).

Jesus Christ set the ultimate example of doing God’s will when He faced the terrible scourging and crucifixion for our sins, yet prayed, “Nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done” (Luke 22:42). He was willing to give Himself totally to show His love and to do His Father’s will.

If we want to learn how to please God, we must seek God’s help to always do His will as well.

To be continued.





## Wilderness Experience.

When God led the Israelites through the wilderness instead of a shorter route, it was for them to learn through hardship and become a strong nation. In other word, to prepare them for the task ahead.

This was a race, just liberated from slavery, whose experience was limited to block making, using straws. The shorter route had been inhabited by the Philistines, more experienced in battle. They are likely to be wiped out quickly or in fright returned back to Egypt and to slavery.

The wilderness route; not only longer, was full of danger, lack amenities for survival and there was the Red Sea to cross. With God on Israelites' side, they walked through the Red Sea on dry sand but the same Red Sea became the graveyard for the Egyptians that were pursuing them.

As God's children and joint heir with Jesus to God our Father, the wilderness of our life is to strengthen us and to prepare us for the task ahead. Tasks that command higher responsibilities. God knows our end from our beginning. God has not promised us with a life without obstacles but His words to us is that we will never be confronted with those obstacles that would consume us.

Are you distressed, act like David at Ziglag, he encouraged himself in the Lord. David enquired at the Lord. (1Samuel 30:6-7). He pursued, overtake and recovered.

The woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried to Elisha when she was distressed and was about to loose her two sons to be bondmen to the creditor. God of increase increased her little jar to numerous vessels and she became oil merchant.

A Believer that is overwhelmed with fear during adversity is displaying lack of faith in the power of our Lord Jesus Christ and is saying that the battle that had been won at the Cross is of no effect.

Break-up from stress and be strong in the Lord. Preach Christ and Him crucified, not preach self, which is what most of us do.

God shall NEVER share His Glory with anyone.

**BY HIS GRACE; WE SHALL PHYSICALLY MEET AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH.**

**Kayode Eniraiyetan**



**THERE IS  
NO  
ABANDON  
PROJECT  
WITH GOD;  
HE ALWAYS  
PERFECT  
WHAT HE  
STARTED.**

RCCG UK NATIONAL  
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# PRAISE NIGHT

Theme:  
**Renown Joy**  
Jeremiah 33:9

FRIDAY 23RD JUNE 2023 | 7:00 PM

VIRTUAL  
<https://bit.ly/RCCGEldersPraiseNight>  
Meeting ID: 870 7926 1901 | Passcode: EP2023

Pastor  
**Adeniyi Faboya**  
Host

Pastor  
**Raphael Olurotimi**  
Guest

**RESPECT  
YOUR  
ELDERS**

RCCG UK NATIONAL ELDERS'  
CONFERENCE 2023

# overflowing JOY

John 15:11

Saturday 24th  
June 2023

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://bit.ly/RCCGEldersConference>  
Meeting ID: 812 6582 1240 | Passcode: EC2023

Redemption House  
Cunnels Wood Park, Cunnels wood Road,  
Stevenage SG1 2TA

Pastor  
**Adeniyi Faboya**  
Host

Pastor  
**Daniel Akhazema**  
Guest Speaker

THE ELDERS' COORDINATOR, PASTOR FABOYA, CELEBRATED RCCG PRAISE CITY PARISH ELDERS' WEEK WITH THEM ON THE 18TH SEPT 2022. HERE ARE SOME PICTURES.



More Events & Activities At The 2022 Conference



With heavy heart but gratitude to God for a life well spent in Christ, RCCG UK National Elders Forum announced the home going of Mummy Funke Tanimowo, our Elders Coordinator in West Midland., who passed away in the morning of Thursday 15th December 2022. May her soul rest in perfect peace.. Below are some pictures at her funeral.



# HEALTH MATTERS

Statistics have shown that 70% of our health problem emanate from eating.

There must be plan and strategy to stay health. When you do not, you are encouraging your body to shut down.

I was once in that situation; could not speak, felt like dying, I was lying in bed in the hospital not knowing my next fate.

I had been working too much, lots of sleepless nights, smoke a lot and always busy. Then I asked myself, does it worth it?

This led her to follow a mission – to find solution.

We take our health for granted most of the time, but when we are faced with death knocking, you will be ready to do anything.

It is important for us to lean strategy of good health.

There must be change; Change is inevitable.

Three things are involved; 1. Devaluation; face reality when it comes to health issue. If you are not happy, you have to change

2. Need to have vision – Know what you want and why. Find your why and how. When you know why , things becomes easy.

3. Action – There are 7 Health Fundamentals that need mastering –

Diabetics; 7,000 diabetics yearly get their legs amputated. We are what we eat, what we drink and what we breath.

You can control most of these except the air.

Breathing – Control your breathing.

Dehydration – Water – start your day with 2 glass of water – possibly put little ginger with lemon.

Nutrition – Food – Start your day with breakfast.

Activities – Exercise regularly.

Sleep properly – minimum 7hours.

Relaxation – Important.

Mindset – The way you think.

We need to wake up in the morning and feel healthy. To achieve this we need to strategize.

As Elders we should realise we live by examples.

Why do we need to live healthy? – To be happy and to live longer life. We should therefore treat our bodies like temples.

There is therefore need for us to cultivate 5 habits –

Drink plenty water – drink before eating anything. (If missing die 2 days).

Food - eat balanced diet; How much does our body needs and when? – (If missing, die 7 days).

Fitness – exercise regularly. Our muscle if not used will disappear – it eats itself.

Focus and have purpose in life – (Hope).

Have fun – Not as a waste of time but have time for yourself. Rubber band do break when over-stressed. Have time out to reflect and recharge your batteries.

Being text of message delivered by Isabella – Fitness Coach at Elders Forum Conference, 2017



**ELDER'S NATIONAL ANTHEM**

There is a God, All-sufficient  
To cleanse from sins,  
With His own blood  
He can make you whiter than snow  
Worthy of my Halleluyah

Chorus

Halleluyah, All-Sufficient

Halleluyah, to You my Lord

There is no god like You my Lord

Worthy of my Halleluyah.

2. There is a God. All-Sufficient

To heal sickness with His own stripes

He can make you totally whole

Worthy of my Halleluyah

Chorus

3. There is a God, All-Sufficient

He can set free from all bondage

Who He sets free is free indeed

Worthy of my Halleluyah

Chorus

4. There is a God, All-Sufficient

To make barren very Fruitful

As for Sarah so for Hannah

Worthy of my Halleluyah

Chorus

5. There is a God, All-Sufficient

To bring water from flinty rock

He will provide for all mu needs

Worthy of my Halleluyah

Chorus

6. There is a God, All-Sufficient

Who can promote to lofty heights

From the dunghill to the palace

Worthy of my Halleluyah

Chorus

7. There is a God, All-Sufficient

To make me strong and make me wise

By the power of His Spirit

Worthy of my Halleluyah

Chorus

8. There is a God, All-Sufficient

To give mansions to all His own

I know one day He'll come for me

Worthy of my Halleluyah

Chorus

9. There is a God, All-Sufficient

Worthy of praise, adoration

With Him I'll dwell for evermore

Worthy of my Halleluyah

Chorus





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ANSWERED"**

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KINDLY SEND THEM  
IN TIME FOR  
PUBLICATION.  
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FABOYA WILL BE  
HAPPY TO RECEIVE  
THEM EITHER BY HIS  
MAIL OR TELEPHONE  
OR SEND THEM TO  
THE EXECUTIVE  
EDITOR.**

**NEWS FROM THE  
PARISHES**

We invite Parishes to send in their news and information they wish to circulated via this mediums. Please send in your information to be circulated to the Editorial Team in time

  
**ELDERS**

**EVENTS..**

1. RCCG UK National Elders' Forum prayer line no; 03309981254 Access Code 920015#
2. The Monthly Prayer Meeting of RCCG UK National Elders' Forum continues as advised by The Coordinator.
3. Activities for our 2023 RCCG UK Elders' National weekend are as follows;  
1. Day of Praise—Friday 23rd June 2023.  
2. Elders' National Conference—Saturday 24th June 2023  
3. Elders' Sunday— Sunday 25th June 2023.

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**We celebrate you all .**

**More anointing in Jesus' name.**



