

ENJOYING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

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INTRODUCTION

The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Psalm 145:9

You must know that enjoying the goodness of God is a journey (a continuum), not a destination. Enjoying the goodness of God involves knowing that God is good; He wants us (His children) to enjoy His goodness, and does not want you to suffer. He wants you to know that you cannot be a seeker of God and be in want; and that you are born to enjoy God's best, etc.

Enjoying the goodness of God essentially includes desiring His goodness because what you do not desire you do not deserve.

...the desire of the righteous

shall be granted.

Proverbs 10:24

What you do not expect you will not experience.

For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.

Proverbs 23:18

Expectation precedes manifestation. His goodness is for your enjoyment, but you must desire it with all your mind. Remember that you have the power of choice, so choose rightly.

The Scriptures celebrate God's promises of goodness from Genesis to Revelation.

A whole chapter of this book (chapter three) is devoted to the discussion of God's promises of goodness in the Scriptures for your consumption.

Interestingly, your access to God's goodness must include seeking God first

and always serving Him. Focusing on the interest of His kingdom should be your lifestyle for His goodness to follow you continually.

However, your stewardship should be in the following areas: physical, spiritual and financial. All these requires active membership of a service group, praying for the kingdom of God, soul winning, and kingdom promotion via your finance.

Finally, engage vehemently in prayer of vengeance when the goodness of God is not touching you as it should.

Know that enjoying the goodness of God is your birthright.

Chapter One

ENJOYING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

This is what the Psalmist said about God in scripture:

*O give thanks unto the LORD;
for he is good; for his mercy
endureth for ever.*

1 Chronicles 16:34

You have a good God.

*O taste and see that the LORD
is good: blessed is the man that
trusteth in him.*

Psalm 34:8

Everything about God is good. If you trust in Him, you will see His goodness.

For thou, LORD, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Psalm 86:5

We serve a good God and there is nothing bad about Him. Everything bad is from the devil.

For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 100:5

The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Psalm 145:9

You can see that God is not just good to some people but to all; you inclusive. That is the reason you should personalize His goodness.

Just in case you do not know that God is good to you, see this scripture:

...not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Romans 2:4

What the scripture is saying is that, if you do not know that your God is good, you will not enjoy His goodness in your life.

That your biological father may have been wicked to you does not mean God is wicked to you. God is too good to be wicked. The question is, if God is good why are people suffering? It is ignorance. Your Father (God) is a very good Father. You do not have a bad Father.

Please understand that God wants us to enjoy His goodness. The good things of life are not for the wicked but for the children of God. The best of God is for you and I.

...I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it

overflows).

John 10:10 (AMPC)

God does not want you to suffer in life. From this day, you will enjoy life at its best!

*He that spared not his own Son,
but delivered him up for us all,
how shall he not with him also
freely give us all things?*

Romans 8:32

Did you pay for Jesus to die for you? If God could give Jesus freely for you, what is it that God cannot give to you to enjoy? This shows the extent to which God loves you and cares about you. So, whatever is lacking in your life will encounter abundant supply as you are reading this book in the name of Jesus.

What do you really want in life? Is it wrong to desire good things? You know religion over the years has emphasized the wrong things.

While studying, I discovered that it is not God's intention to allow His wealth to be monopolized by those who ignore Him. God never wanted the wealth of this world to be in the hands of those who do not know and worship Him. However, it is in their hands because something is wrong somewhere.

For instance, if you are a parent, and your children and those of your neighbour's are very hungry; if they all cry to you for food, who will you attend to first? Is it your children or those of your neighbour's? I believe every right-thinking parent will first attend to his or her children.

So, are you saying that God who owns the heavens and the earth, gave the entire goodness of the earth to sinners, who are wicked and do not reverence Him instead of you? No! Something is missing somewhere. How come "...the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." (1

Corinthians 10:26), which means your Father owns everything; yet His wealth is being monopolized by those who do not know Him?

Before you are done reading this book, it will return back to you as a rightful child of God in the name of Jesus.

God created everything on the earth for our pleasure, usefulness, and fulfilment so we can honour and work with Him.

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Luke 11:13

All God is saying in this scripture is that if the people of the world (sinners) can give gifts to their children how much more Him (your heavenly Father).

Every good gift and every

perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

James 1:17

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

Psalm 34:10

You cannot be a seeker of God and be in want. From today, no matter what the world is suffering, you will not be a part of it.

...no good thing will be withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Psalm 84:11

Whatever is good, that is lacking in your life will be released to you in the name of Jesus!

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.

Proverbs 3:27-28

Whatever you lack that you need, receive it in the name of Jesus!

You are born to enjoy life's best from God your Father.

Please understand that not to be what God created you to be is a waste. Christianity in your life will not be colourful if things do not go the way it should be. It is easier to win sinners to Christ when things are working for you than when they are not. Take off the cloak of religion and the pretense that you do not need the good things of life. See the true picture of who God created you to be and

enjoy God's best. I will show you some scriptures that will change for life your religious perspective from your religious background, that has affected you over time. There is nobody that do not like the good things of life.

For instance, walking under a heavy downpour or rainfall and driving in your car, which do you prefer? Nobody will like to be soaked or drenched in the rain when they have the option of driving a good car.

Who likes to live in a house infested with mosquitoes when they can live in a good apartment free of mosquitoes? Can you choose to sleep on the bare floor when you have the option of sleeping on a good bed that will make you have a good sleep? Do not pretend, God created good things for you and not for the wicked. You are a child of God, so you are to enjoy the best.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. Everything about God is good. If you trust in Him, you will see His good.*
 - 2. God created everything on the earth for our pleasure, usefulness, and fulfilment so we can honour and work with Him.*
 - 3. You cannot be a seeker of God and be in want. You are born to enjoy life's best from God the Father.*
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Chapter Two

HOW TO ENJOY THE GOODNESS OF GOD

1. Desire His goodness

What you do not desire, you will never deserve nor attract.

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

Psalm 37:4, 9

God has said that you will inherit this earth you are living in, but religion has

made us understand that we will only enjoy life when we get to heaven. You will enjoy life here, and still enjoy in heaven.

Abraham enjoyed life here on earth and also went to heaven to continue his enjoyment in his mansion. Lazarus in the Bible on the other hand suffered on the earth as a poor man and went to heaven to live with Abraham.

The question is how do you want to go to heaven? Do you know that hardship can kill easily? That is why you need to read a book like this to come out of hardship to avoid sudden death. Even if you are born into hardship, before you are done reading this book, your story will change for good. Please have a strong desire for good things.

I saw poverty some time in my life and I told God with a strong desire that I want to be rich and today God has made it so.

My biological father worked with an international oil company for almost forty years but when he retired, we saw hardship

of the highest order. Things turned upside down for us and when I got born again, I hated poverty with everything in me.

Poverty will make you tell lies and commit all manner of sins you will not ordinarily want to commit. It is easy to tell lies in poverty. Even when you are not sick, you may tell the persons you are begging from that you are sick. But if you are rich, will you tell anyone such? Do you know that it is easier to go to hell in poverty? Most of the ladies who go into prostitution especially in Africa is as a result of poverty. They depend on men to give them money and provide for them. Most of them who claim not to be engaging in such things are living a promiscuous lifestyle because they want money.

You may not have experienced poverty, but if you have, you will hate it with everything in you. I have experienced poverty and that is why I did everything to come out of it.

Do not be religious; stop telling yourself that you will only enjoy when you get to heaven. Enjoy here on earth and when you get to heaven, also enjoy yourself.

God wants you to have peace, sound health and be prosperous. But that cannot happen except you believe.

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Mark 9:23

If you do not believe the goodness of God, you will never experience it. But if you believe it, it will come to pass.

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mark 11:24

It is what you desire that comes first, not prayer first. Before you pray, have a

good desire. If you do not have a desire before you pray or you have a wrong desire, no matter how forceful your prayer may be you will never be prosperous. Therefore, your prayer should start with your desire.

For instance, an unmarried person should first desire to get married to a good spouse. Do not just jump into praying for marriage without having the kind of spouse you want in view via your desire.

Our problem is that we jump into prayers without any specific desire. You must desire the right thing, not what will keep you away from God.

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Psalm 37:4

The story of the prodigal son and his elder brother in the Bible which gives a practical narrative of how powerful desire (especially the right one) can be. The

prodigal son took his portion of his father's wealth and wasted it in a very rough life. But he had an understanding of who he is more than his elder brother who was obedient and was living with his father.

His elder brother can be likened to a genuine child of God who lacked understanding and it affected him. That is how many Christians are in Church.

But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Luke 15:22-24

The prodigal son, imagined how rich

his father was and that picture made him return back to his father. His father received him with so much glory and honour on his return.

That is how some notorious sinners get great breakthroughs in Church when they get born again while some old born-again members of the Church are still struggling.

The way the newly born-again sinner voraciously follow after the things of God is not the same with those who have been in Church for years. Most old Christians in Church think they know God, so they take Him for granted and misbehave.

See how the elder brother of the prodigal son reacted when he saw how his father received his brother.

Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.

And he called one of the servants, and asked what these

things meant.

And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.

And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.

And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:

Luke 15:25-29

First, he tried to find out what was happening in his father's house from a servant instead of going into the house to see things for himself. He was asking somebody (a servant) who does not know the deep things of the family. When the

servant intimated him of the happenings in the house, he got angry.

That is how religious people in church get angry when people get blessed in church. Many Christians are really serving God religiously and doing good things like the prodigal son's elder brother yet they have a wrong desire.

From the scripture and story, you can see that the elder brother said, “*Thou never gavest me a kid...*” (Luke 15:29)

His father killed the fattest calf for his younger brother yet he was making reference to a kid. He had a myopic mindset. His father gave him big things yet his mind was on small things.

That is how some believers today believe. Instead of desiring big things from God for themselves they keep asking Him to prosper their brothers or siblings so they can benefit from them.

What makes you feel that, the political appointment cannot be given to you? Why

must it be for your brother, sister, uncle or friend, so you could go beg from them? Why would you desire that your sinner-brother would be in an elevated position so you could get peanuts from him? That is the mentality of many believers, which is so poor.

How can you serve a very big God, yet you are asking Him for a one room apartment? It is not bad to start from one room but do not remain there for too long. From there ask God for something big. Let your mind desire big things, it is not wrong. It is only wrong when you desire it with the wrong motive.

Please remove every religious mindset of asking God for little things because He is a very big God, and He (God) will give you that thing you are looking for. You will enjoy His goodness and the good things He created because they are not meant for sinners but for His children.

Another story in the Bible that will show you how desire is powerful is that of

Lazarus and the rich man.

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

Luke 16:19-21

Lazarus was a child of God yet he was referred to as a beggar because he had a beggarly mindset, which is how many Christians are today. When you keep begging from sinners, God will look at you like Lazarus.

Sinners will keep despising you because you keep begging from them. It is a disgrace to Christianity.

Lazarus in his life time on earth desired to feed from the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table and that was why he never had a mansion in heaven.

Some believers will not have a mansion when they get to heaven because they never desired any good thing in life.

Lazarus ended up at Abraham's bosom while Abraham had mansions. There was no time Abraham desired poverty and that was why he was rich and enjoyed the goodness of God on earth, and ultimately got mansions in heaven.

Anything you desire, God will make sure it is granted. Keep desiring the right things and you will see them happening. Even if you desire the wrong thing it will also happen. If you desire to beg from people to assist you, God will keep blessing them so they will keep giving you crumbs and peanuts. But the moment you shift your desire from begging from people to giving to people, and to be at the top,

there will be a physical shift to abundance too.

Desire is very powerful. When we had no cars, I used to say that there is no car garage I will ever build that will contain all the cars I will get. When I declared that desire, there was no single car in our compound. But I saw from God's Word that, “...*my cup runneth over...*” (Psalm 23). Today, no matter the space you create, the car I have will overflow. At some point, you cannot freely access my compound because of too many cars parked in the premises. One had to practically maneuver their way through to the entrance door. It was like a car shop ready for sale. In order to decongest the compound, I gave out fifty-four exotic cars to different people as gifts.

My desire was to give to people. What is your desire? Is it to trek and take public transport all through your life time? Even if you are trekking right now, have a desire to give cars to people as gifts.

My prayer for you is that there should be a shift in your mindset to desire big things and the goodness of God. Always desire to have the best from God.

Every faulty and wrong desire should be cast down by the power of the Holy Ghost.

You should decree and declare that every good thing God has in store for you should start manifesting.

Reflect on the scripture below and meditate deeply on it because God is not a man that He should lie (Numbers 23:19). Even if you know the scripture or think it is popular, believe it so it can answer to you.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life...

Psalm 23:6

The word “Surely” from the scripture above means certainly. God's goodness shall follow you; it means it is irrevocable

because God's Word is an incorruptible seed.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1 Peter 1:3

Anytime you are awake, command the day open citing scriptures in line with your desires, and you will experience God's goodness accompany you effortlessly.

I get favour every day. When I travel to any country, I get favoured even without informing anybody of my visit. Favour will always locate me even in my hotel room. This is because I saw in God's Word that goodness and mercy will follow me all the days (not some days) of my life.

Mercy is not only ascribed to forgiveness of sin. Healing, deliverance,

and blessings can also be attributed to the mercies of God.

Blind Bartimaeus cried out for mercy and he was healed, not for his sin (Mark 10:46).

When you are reciting the scripture (Psalm 23:6) make sure you mean every word and let it take root in your spirit.

I see everything good (sound health, sound mind, prosperity, money, wealth and many more) being released to you in the name of Jesus.

Have you ever seen anyone who was given some good amount of money who never felt good? Not one.

An elderly man was so sick that no prayer worked for him, and the Holy Spirit told me to give him some good amount of money. When I gave him, instantly every sickness left him.

Poverty or lack of cash can bring instant headache to someone. You will find out that when the money you have is little, you

will keep calculating until you develop headache.

As you read this book, may God reveal to you secrets that will bring you out of such predicament in Jesus' name!

Let me show you some of God's promises on goodness in the next chapter so you can build your faith.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. *What you do not desire, you will never deserve nor attract.*
 2. *Do not be religious; stop telling yourself that you will only enjoy when you get to heaven. Enjoy here on earth and when you get to heaven, also enjoy yourself.*
 3. *If you do not believe the goodness of God, you will never experience it. But if you believe it, it will come to pass.*
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Chapter Three

GOD'S PROMISES OF GOODNESS

1. *Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!*

Psalm 31:19

God made His goodness for you and I as you can see from the scripture.

2. *...no good thing will be withhold from them that walk uprightly.*

Psalm 84:11

This means every good thing will be released to you if only you believe it.

3. *O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.*

Psalm 34:8

You serve a good God and He is good indeed. So, the good things of life are for the children of God including you.

4. *Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.*

Psalm 86:17

In case anyone is planning evil against you, the scripture above assures of the fact that they will see God's goodness in your life in place of shame. They will be alive to see you enjoy in that area where they want you to see shame.

Those who do not like you will have no choice celebrating you. If they say you will not get married, they will attend your marriage celebration. If they say you will

trek for life, they will witness you buy cars for others. If they say you will not bear children, they will be alive to see you carry your children, build your own house, and employ people in your own company. Whatever evil they wish you, God will turn it around for a testimony. Even if they tell you that you will amount to nothing, before this time next year, they will eat on your table.

The same people who make derogatory statement about you will celebrate you and feast on your table. The worst punishment for anyone who hates you is to see you prosper before their very eyes, and you invite them to come celebrate with you. When they believe that you cannot afford food, they will find it difficult to swallow the food you offer them at the celebration. This shall be your portion in the name of Jesus!

Do not bother and do not ask questions on how it will happen, just believe God's Word.

A girl said she desired for twenty years that her mother would get married and it happened. If she had not desired it, it would not have happened. God can do anything if only you desire it.

There is a woman who got married to a great man of God in her sixties. It was her first marriage. She has never been married until she got to age sixty. When men thought that it was over, God remembered her.

Forget about that situation; God can do anything. He can show you his goodness anytime anywhere. It is not late. God will show you something good. He will do for you what no man can do for you.

*O give thanks unto the LORD;
for he is good: for his mercy
endureth for ever.*

Psalm 136:1

You serve a good God. When you read the Bible do not just read it on the surface. Understand that God is a good God.

God's mercy will bring good things to you.

*And I will make an everlasting
covenant with them, that I will
not turn away from them, to do
them good; but I will put my
fear in their hearts, that they
shall not depart from me.*

Jeremiah 32:40

God is saying from this scripture that He will make sure He does good to you. And God is not a man that He should lie (Numbers 23:19). You serve a good God, so He will do you good.

Somebody may ask, that if God does good to people, then how come some people are suffering? Their suffering is based on what they believe. Your belief system and desire matter a lot. Some people believe that anything that God gives them is what they will have. They do not have any desire, so they leave their lives to chance. Never tell God to give you

anything, you must be specific.

I have never lacked anything; I have always told God that I want to be the head, not the tail. In my life as a child of God, I have never prayed that God should make me a mediocre.

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Psalm 27:13

God does not expect you to enjoy His goodness when you are dead and gone to heaven. He said that you will enjoy His goodness here on the earth.

When God shows you His goodness, forget every economic downturn, you will still be blessed. From the scripture, you can see that you must believe to see the goodness of God.

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform

it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Philippians 1:6

Whatever that is good that God has started in your life, He will complete it. Your blessing will not be aborted along the line because God finishes everything He starts. That is why I know that your long-awaited approval will come now! Whether it is a resident permit, visa, citizenship, contract, confirmation, promotion etc. will be approved now!

Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

Jeremiah 32:27

The goodness of God is sure and nothing is too hard for Him.

The song writer said this of God, "All my life you have been faithful, all my life you have been so good... I will sing of the goodness of God". You will enjoy the goodness of God from now.

You should have no fear of what tomorrow brings because you have and serve a good God.

I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Psalm 34:4

You may be afraid of how you will survive the next moment, next day, next week, etc. You are wondering how you will pay your bills, have no fear, the goodness of God will sort you out. There are many who are afraid of paying their rent. They may not say it with their mouth but in their hearts, they are worried and disturbed on what next to do. God who is ever good to His Word and faithful will make things happen in your life.

There is this silent fear that has its grip on how to survive considering the cost of living and economic downturn. Please have no fear and this is the time God will prove His goodness in your life. This is

because it is in the darkest hour that people appreciate light.

God will shine His light upon you and those who hate you will see God make you. So, the goodness of God is for all, but why are many not enjoying it? They lack the understanding of how to access it.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. The worst punishment for anyone who hates you is to see you prosper before their very eyes, and you invite them to come celebrate with you.*
 - 2. When God shows you His goodness, forget every economic downturn, you will still be blessed.*
 - 3. You should have no fear of what tomorrow brings because you have and serve a good God.*
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Chapter Four

YOUR ACCESS TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

Psalm 34:10

You cannot seek God and yearn for good. Just seek God and you will get every good thing; you will not look for it, it will come your way.

How will you know that you are a seeker of God if you do not find out how to seek God?

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what

ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to

day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:25-33

The scripture brings to bear the fact that you should not bother about material things. But some will ask if they do not bother then what should they do? Just as you get busy in worries

about material things that is how you should put your mind to work in meditating on God's Word. Get it clear here, just as you focus, think, and worry on how to pay your bills, that is how you should channel that energy in meditating on God's Word.

Most believers meditate on earthly things like how to pay their house rent, school fees, settle their business challenges, and more. Now shift your thought from those things and focus it on God's Word. You have been worried over those issues all this while, has anything changed?

You will only be worn-out getting worried over issues and challenges of life, because getting worried does not bring answers.

The scripture also shows that worry is a sign of little faith. When people do not have faith, they get worried a lot.

I know that even as you are reading this book, you may be thinking of how

to settle your bills that pose a threat to you.

The Bible has made it clear that you should take no thought of all those bills and challenges facing you. This is because, that is how sinners think on how they can get material things and pay their bills. They run after cars, houses, political positions and appointments, etc.

God knows that as His child you need those material things because they are good for you. The only thing God is saying to you is that, do not make it your focus. Do not allow your mind dwell on them.

The key to getting other material things including that which is peculiar to you is embedded in verse 33 of Matthew chapter 6.

When you seek first the kingdom of God, all the good things you are running after will start coming to you.

Since I got born again and became a

Pastor, I have never prayed to get material things. Even in the days I never had a car, I never asked God in prayers to give me one. From 1997 till date, I have never prayed for money to come. As a Church we do not pray to get money yet we are one of the wealthiest Churches on the earth.

How come the Church and I get the material things we do not pray for?

I am not emphasizing theory but what I know and practice. That means there is a formula. Long standing members of our Church will attest to the fact that we have never raised a prayer point on any issue relating to getting money or settling bills. The point I am buttressing is, how come we do not pray for money yet we are so rich in any currency of the world? Practicing Matthew Chapter 6:33 is the secret. It is the key to accessing the goodness of God. When you seek God first, everything good shall be added to you.

When you buy a new phone, you will not pray to get a battery because the battery is part of the accessories to the phone. So, go for the phone which is Matthew 6:33 and you will get other good things which are the accessories to the phone. You cannot buy a brand-new phone and be denied the battery and charger of the phone. It will naturally come alongside it.

You cannot invest towards the advancement of God's Kingdom and not be rewarded with His goodness.

*If they obey and serve him,
they shall spend their days in
prosperity, and their years in
pleasures.*

Job 36:11

Serve God and make the interest of His Kingdom a lifestyle.

When you are committed to the growth, expansion and advancement of God's Kingdom, goodness will come to you without struggles. The end to all struggles is Matthew 6:33.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. Just as you focus, think, and worry on how to pay your bills, that is how you should channel that energy in meditating on God's Word.*
 - 2. The key to getting other material things including that which is peculiar to you is embedded in verse 33 of Matthew chapter 6.*
 - 3. You cannot invest towards the advancement of God's Kingdom and not be rewarded with His goodness.*
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Chapter Five

HOW TO KNOW YOU ARE OBEYING MATTHEW 6:33

The following three areas will make you know that you are following Matthew 6:33.

Seeking the righteousness of God is referring to letting go of the things that offend God. "Righteous," is to make sure we live pure before God.

Your stewardship should be in three areas with special reference to Matthew 6:33.

1 Physical Stewardship

You have to be an active member of any service group in the Church you belong. For instance, in our Church, we have the ushering unit, media unit,

sanctuary keepers, special care unit, editorial unit, preservers squad, etc. If you have similar ones in your church, you have to belong to one and actively participate. Do not come to Church to attend services without belonging to a service group. Assuming we have one hundred percent allotted to your service to God, physical stewardship has its own percentage.

2. Spiritual Stewardship

This has the highest percentage allotted to it. As we have major and minor courses in the university that is how spiritual stewardship is a major course in Christianity. When you fail a major course, you will not be allowed to graduate. Spiritual stewardship includes:

a) Praying for the advancement of God's Kingdom

If you say you understand Matthew 6:33, you will always pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom.

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:9-10

“Thy kingdom come...” is a model prayer that stipulates that you pray for God's Kingdom as a show of your spiritual stewardship to God.

You should always pray that sinners should be saved and converted to Christ as the Word of God is preached. Always pray for the right word for the preacher, and for souls to abide and not backslide.

Also, pray generally for the body of Christ and the Church of God. All these and many more are considered praying for God's Kingdom.

(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in

seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

2 Peter 2:8

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

b) Soul Winning

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Every born-again child of God is an ambassador for Christ, therefore soul winning is a must. Soul winning is a compulsory course that makes you

qualify for Matthew 6:33. You are not seeking God if you are not a soul winner.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Mark 16:15-16

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

John 15:16

This means that we are to be soul winners.

And the lord said unto the

servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

Luke 14:23

When you preach the gospel and fill the house of God with souls, then you are qualified for God's goodness.

Some Christians only pray for the advancement of the Kingdom, which can be likened to only twenty percent of the one hundred percent of Matthew 6:33. They belong to service groups, pray for God's Kingdom but do not win souls. You know that twenty percent is not a pass mark. So, you have to brace up. No matter your role in church, you must be a soul winner. Soul winning is the most important course in this regard.

You may claim that because of old age you cannot win souls, but you can pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom. Even on a sick bed, pray for

the success and advancement of God's Kingdom and you will see how God will add other things to you including sound health.

The goodness of God is not only attributed to money, sound health is inclusive.

3. Financial Stewardship

Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

Zachariah 1:17

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.

So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

Psalm 102:13-15

You have to take pleasure in favouring the things of God with your finance. You need to expand the Kingdom of God through your giving. Promote the gospel with your money, then you can say that you are putting Matthew 6:33 to work in your life.

These three things have been my lifestyle. I closely work with the media team all the time. I am in that service group serving in the IT department. I pray for the kingdom of God every day, go out for soul winning regularly and my finance is greatly involved in the promotion of God's kingdom. That is why I do not offer prayer for anything good; they just find their way to me. That is the way to get God's goodness. It is not forty days fasting and prayers.

When you carry out Matthew 6:33 as outlined, you will never have a request. Before you get sick, you are healed. Before you ask anything, God will just answer.

You know your capacity, why not use it in one service unit or the other in Church to serve God? You have to be involved physically, spiritually, and financially in promoting the Kingdom of God. When you are involved in these areas, tell me how the devil will attack you.

So, the answer to accessing the goodness of God is executing Matthew 6:33. It is at this point you can now say, *“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life...”* Make the Lord your Shepherd (Psalm 23). A sheep does not ask question, it only obeys the direction of the Shepherd.

If you desire God's goodness, make Matthew 6:33 your focus.

But God, who is rich in

*mercy, for his great love
wherewith he loved us,*

Ephesians 2:4

God loves you so much that there is nothing He cannot do for you. So, if nothing is happening, you are the one delaying it. God loves you with an everlasting love so it is too late for satan to deny you that blessing.

One faithful day my body reacted because I overworked it. It was so obvious that the heat emanating from my body was terrible. That same day I had to step out for soul winning. The moment I stepped out for evangelism, the whole symptoms disappeared. I did not open my mouth to pray yet the symptoms vanished. I knew that if I go out for soul winning God will not allow my body to breakdown.

I knew how the goodness of God comes. If it were someone else, the person would have given excuses for not going out for soul winning.

You can reduce your prayer points by seeking the Kingdom of God first. And all the good things of life will accompany you including good health.

Cases money cannot solve can be taken care of when you seek God's Kingdom first. Instead of praying for things, you will be the one praying for others to get them, because of the position you will find yourself in as you engage in Matthew 6:33.

The question is, if you have desired God's goodness and you have engaged in Matthew 6:33, why are you still not enjoying the goodness of God?

Engage the prayer of vengeance

I want you to know that anything good infuriates the devil. The goodness of God is for you, but the devil will get angry and react to resist it.

A man told me about how he ran from one hospital to the other over one health condition or the other. First, it was spinal cord issue, then it was

arthritis, etc. and from one treatment to the other. Then we had a vengeance service in Church where we prayed seriously and he was a part of the service. He said, the same day we prayed for vengeance, his younger brother was struck with a strange plague. Unknown to him that all the medical challenges he went through were orchestrated by his younger brother.

He was so good to his younger brother that he was the one taking care of his children in school, built a house for him and so on. Yet his brother was the one diabolically behind all his medical predicaments. Irrespective of how the man tried to rescue his younger brother in the midst of his affliction, he still died because vengeance prayers had gone forth. It was when his brother died that the man began to hear the stories of how his younger brother had been taking his pictures to several shrines to kill him. It was his younger brother's

wife that disclosed the story to him. The man said, he would not have believed if not that the story came from his younger brother's wife after he died. And after his younger brother died all his health issues vanished.

I happen to know the man telling me this story because he is a dedicated young man in church who practices Matthew 6:33 yet the enemy came through his younger brother to resist him and to corrupt the goodness of God in his life.

The above story explains the fact that if the goodness of God in your life must not be corrupted, you must be on the offensive all the time to deal with the enemy. You must engage in vengeance prayers and the devil will allow those good things come to you.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. *Soul winning is a compulsory course that makes you qualify for Matthew 6:33.*
 2. *When you preach the gospel and fill the house of God with souls, then you are qualified for God's goodness.*
 3. *You have to be involved physically, spiritually, and financially in promoting the Kingdom of God.*
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PRAYER OF SALVATION

The provisions in this book are reserved for the sons of God. Until you are born again, you have no portion in them and cannot partake of His divine nature. If you want to give your life to Christ and be saved, pray this prayer with all sincerity and confidence:

Lord Jesus, I come to you today, I am a sinner, I cannot help myself. Forgive me of all my sins. I believe in my heart that you died for me and you were raised up by God.

Today, I accept you, Lord Jesus, as my Lord and Saviour.

Cleanse me with your precious blood; deliver me from sin and satan to serve the living God. Thank you, Jesus, for saving me. Now, I know I am born again, in Jesus Name. Amen.

If you have said the above prayer, congratulation! You are born again and your life will not remain the same anymore.

Enjoying The Goodness Of God