

The Best of Life

(Part 1)

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9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (NKJV)

We cannot begin to talk about the best of life if we firstly don't have the assurance that we are on God's mind. God has you on His mind and you can know that because the Word of God tells you that God has prepared wonderful things for those who love Him.

For you to take out time to prepare something really nice for somebody, that person must have been on your mind. I don't want you to think about the Body of Christ collectively and say, "The Body of Christ is on God's mind." Place your name in the verse. I want you to see that God has you on His mind. God has you on His mind and for that reason He has taken out time to prepare the best of life for you.

Stop and think about it.



God Has You on His Mind

When a husband comes home from work and has food placed on the table, he can tell by looking at the food if he has been on his wife's mind or not. If he has been on his wife's mind, the food will not be served as though it is feeding time at the zoo where you just chop off the meat and toss it at the lion to catch and eat. Isn't it good when a husband comes home and the way his food is served shows that a lot of thought has been put into it by his wife? The meat has been cut carefully and all the fat has been trimmed off. It has been served in a special way; garnished with some tomatoes and green vegetables which his wife may have grown at the back of the house. Instead of just shoveling the rice unto the plate, she has also bothered to put it in a little cup before turning the cup upside down unto the

plate so the rice has a nice shape. When the husband sees the food he says, "Oh my sweetheart, you have put a lot of thought into this."

Also, when as a parent you go to visit your child in school on Visiting Day, you can tell from the way you visit your child and the things you take to them, whether you have thought about that Visiting Day or whether it came upon you suddenly.

Child of God, I want you to know that God has you on His mind. You are on His mind all the time. In the morning He thinks of you, at night He thinks of you. When you recognize this you won't pray to God in desperation thinking He has forgotten you. Sometimes we talk to God thinking that He has forgotten about us and we come "bombarding" the gates of heaven so that God will remember that He still has us as His children. "God, remember me?" No, God cannot forget about you. You are on His mind.

You were on the mind of God when He said, "Let there be light." You were on His mind when He sent the angel to the Virgin Mary to tell her that she would bring forth the Son that would redeem you. You were on His mind when Jesus went to Calvary. You were on His mind when Jesus rose again from the grave. You are on His mind at every single time. Therefore, you can be confident that the best of life is possible.

If you knew for sure that the President of your country woke up in the morning thinking about you and went to bed at night thinking about you, you would have confidence about the best of life. Well, it is not the President of your country we are talking about. It is God Almighty

and you are on His mind. And the reason you are on His mind is for Him to give you the best of life.

12 The LORD has been mindful of us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.

13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, both small and great.

Psalms 115:12-13 (NKJV)

Whether you consider yourself small, or great, the Lord is mindful of you so that He can bless you and cause you to experience the best of life. God loves everybody but everybody does not love God. I am so glad that the Bible does not say that God has prepared those things for those whom He loves; it says He has prepared those things for those who love Him. That tells me that it is the "best of life" that will distinguish you from the unbeliever. God loves everybody: the unbeliever and the believer. While we were yet sinners Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). But the Bible also says in 2 Chronicles 16:9, "...For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect (right) toward him..." (KJV).

The things that God has prepared are for those who love Him. I am one of those who love Him and therefore, the best of life that God has prepared is right there waiting for me. So if I've got the best of life and the unbeliever who does not love God does not, then that has got to be the distinguishing factor between myself and the unbeliever. As a believer, the distinguishing factor should not just be that you speak in tongues loud; neither should it be that you cover your hair and the unbeliever does not.

The distinguishing factor should be that God is mindful of you to bless you with the best of life because you love Him and have declared your love for Him; you are not shy about your love for Him; you are vocal about it.

A Supernatural Revelation of God's Best

God wants to redefine your definition of "best." You know, many times when you ask Christians what the best of life is, consciously or unconsciously, our minds dart to the unbeliever we know who has so many cars and we think, "That is the best of life." We use what the unbeliever has as the reference for what the best of life is. Or, we look around and we see the kind of vehicle in vogue and we decide that that is the best available.

You need to realize that the world can only define "best" based on what it has seen and done. For instance, the automobiles Japan produced in 2000 were probably the best in the automobile industry. But in 2001, when Japan produced something better, "best" changed. The world puts a limit on what the best is. What is best is based on what the world thinks or has experienced. But, the best of life which God has for you is conceived in the mind of God and you receive a picture of what the best of life is by revelation knowledge.

God, your Father, is a big God and there is no limit to what He calls "best." So if you can get a revelation of what God considers the "best of life," then you can enjoy it. Then you will not go reaching after what the world has done. The best of life is not in Tokyo, New York, or South Africa: it is gotten by a revelation of the Word of God. You've got to get a supernatural revelation of God's Word concerning God's best.

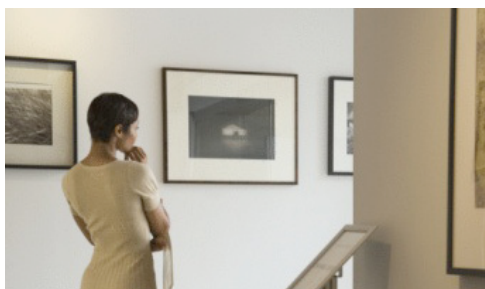
Let me give you an example. Imagine that somebody who works in an oil company has got a terminal condition but does not know it yet. He has some dangerous symptoms in his body and the company says to him, "We make sure we give our staff the best, and we will give you the very best." What is the "very best" the company has planned? Good medical treatment, probably with a stand-by helicopter, which flies him to a private plane as soon he calls, and the private plane flies him across the Atlantic to a top-notch hospital where machines and wires are connected all over him. That's the best the company has to offer by the world's standards. But what happens when he is in that hospital, and the accomplished doctor comes after a while, shakes his head and tells him, "I'm really sorry young man; I can't help you"? Instantly, the best of life changes for him if he is an unbeliever. As they have reached their limit do you know what the best of life then becomes? "How many more months do I have now doctor?" The doctor says, "You've got 12 months." So he begins to live life to the fullest. He goes to places he's never been to and tries to enjoy his life because

his end is drawing near.

If you work for a company where you can be flown across the Atlantic, wonderful; it is a good job. But make sure your confidence is not in that plane flying you across the Atlantic or the hospital you are going to. Make sure your confidence is in the revelation of the best of God where your healing and health are concerned as seen in the Word of God because there are no limits to that.

The unbeliever's best is limited by himself. The best of God, on the other hand, has no limit because it is conceived in the heart of God.

What Picture Do You See?



Do you remember when God talked to Abraham about His plan for him? The Bible says:

5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

Genesis 15:5 (NKJV)

God was trying to give Abraham a revelation. He wanted Abraham to catch something because He knew that if Abraham could catch it, then he could experience it. You have got to catch a revelation of the best of life for yourself. You cannot experience the best of life based on somebody else's revelation. It does not matter how much you agree with their revelation, it has got to be your revelation, and the line between somebody else's revelation and yours is a very thin one.

A lot of us are followers of somebody else's revelation. It is good for a start, but you've got to get to the point where it becomes your own revelation. You may have heard Pastor Charles' testimony: "We were so poor that the poor called us poor," and you even tell other people about your Pastor's testimony. You are carrying another person's revelation. That is okay, but it has to become a revelation to you, for it to work for you. If you do not get it, you will not experience it. The best of life is only gotten by supernatural revelation.

The Bible says Abraham believed God (Genesis 15:6). That means he got it. Stop for a minute and remember that this is a man whose wife was barren and his own body, old. That is what a revelation does to you. You don't get a rev-

elation of finances necessarily because you've got money in the bank. You've got to be able to picture the best of God where your finances are concerned even when you are unemployed. That's when you know if it is a revelation. When you read the verse that says, "My God shall supply all your needs," (Philippians 4:19) and all around you are needs, but you can say, "My God shall supply all my needs," then you have received a revelation of God's best. And even though all you've got is the last twenty naira and God asks for it, you will have no problem releasing it because you've got a revelation of the best of life, and you know that all your needs are met. There is no need therefore, that will take away your seed. Nobody has to pep you up to give because God's best concerning your finances has become a revelation to you. Those who say, "But I don't have shoes; I don't have clothes" need to know that it is not about what you have or don't have. What matters is that you have a picture of the best of God.

If you are lying down on your sick bed, what picture do you see? If you see the picture of healing and everybody tells you what the doctor said, it will not mean anything to you because you have seen the picture of the best of life where your health is concerned. You will get up because you've got a revelation. If you try to do it on somebody else's revelation, it won't work for you. Christians have tried to act on somebody else's revelation, but some of them died. Why? It was somebody else's revelation.

The Word of God concerning the best of life has got to become your revelation. Till it becomes your own revelation: until you can see healing in the midst of the stench of sickness; until you can see wealth in the midst of the stench of poverty, you will only talk like a "third party"

about the best of God. When the Word becomes your own revelation, it will be obvious to you by the things you will begin to do: your confessions, actions, even your carriage and gait will show it. It will also show in your attitude towards things and it won't matter to you if the pressures of life close in on you.

Friend, no more mediocre portions of life. No more living an average life. It is time for you to reach for the best of life and reach for it with confidence knowing that your Father has you on His mind.

To be continued.

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