



ENJOYING GOD

How do you tend to relate to God?

Orchestra Conductor – *Stay with the beat or you'll see His scowl*

Coach – *He's never quite satisfied, always pushing you for more*

Insurance Agent – *You draw on God only in times of need*

Absent Dad – *He's too busy, not interested or unavailable*

Santa Claus – *He's there to simply grant you every wish*

Ringmaster – *Must keep performing so you stay on His good side*

Employer – *Faithful because of benefits, but no real relationship*

Love of Your Life – *The one you want to be with, share life with*

What do you really enjoy?

“Delightfully Satisfying”

“Hitting the mark”

Are you enjoying God?

*Is your relationship with God
delightfully satisfying?*

*Does it “hit the mark” of inner joy and
satisfaction beyond anything else in your life?*

What Do The Scriptures Say?

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ~ Psalm 37:4

*Hebrew *Anag*, meaning to take exquisite delight

What Do The Scriptures Say?

“...God my exceeding joy...”

~ Psalm 43:4

*Hebrew *Simchah*, meaning gladness, glee, pleasure

What Do The Scriptures Say?

“...for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

~ Nehemiah 8:10

**Hebrew Chedvah, meaning gladness, joy*

What Do The Scriptures Say?

“The Lord your God is in your midst a mighty one who will save; *he will rejoice over you with gladness*; he will quiet you by his love; *he will exult over you with loud singing*.” ~ Zeph.3:17

*Hebrew *Suws*, meaning *exult, display joy*

*Hebrew *Simchah*, meaning *gladness, glee, pleasure*

*Hebrew *Giyl*, meaning *rejoice, exult, spin around*



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Five Ways to Enjoy God

Enjoying God's Character in Scripture

“Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.”

- The Lord to Jeremiah in Jeremiah 9:23-24

Enjoying God's Character in Scripture

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

~ Portions of Revelation 4 & 5

Enjoying God's Character in Scripture

Comforter

Goodness

Creator

Forgiveness

Head of Church

Almighty

Greatness

Anger

Friend

Glory

Lord

Faithfulness

Grace

Compassion

Humility

Father

Justice

Kindness

King

Lamb of God

Love

Light

Mercy

Messiah

Patience

Power

Peace

Protector

Provider

Redeemer

Resurrection

Righteousness

Rock

Savior

Servant

Shepherd

Sovereign

Truth

Trustworthy

Unchanging

Unsearchable

Victor

Wise

Worthy



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Enjoying God in His Creation

“For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.”

~ Romans 1:20

“And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.”

~ Genesis 1:31

Enjoying God in His Creation

The beauty, purpose and produce of the land; Animals

The ebbs and flows of waves, rivers and the wonder of waterfalls

The incredible world of sea life living beneath the ocean

The creation we see above us: hills, mountains, birds of the air

The daily majestic rising and magnificent setting of the sun

The incredible expanse and countless stars in the sky at night

The wild thunderstorm and better-than-fireworks lightening show

Our Five Senses: sight, sounds, touch, smell, taste

A blue-tinted landscape of rolling mountains with geometric lines overlaid. The text "ENJOYING GOD" is prominently displayed in the upper half of the image.

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Five Ways to Enjoy God

Enjoying God at Work in Others

“...for it is God who works in you, both to will
and to work for his good pleasure.”

~ Philippians 2:13

Enjoying God at Work in Others

Intervening in people's lives

Coming alongside those hurting, in need or grieving

Blessing people beyond their imaginations

Using ordinary people in absolutely extraordinary ways

Displaying His splendor through their unique gifts



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Five Ways to Enjoy God

Enjoying Connecting the Dots in Your Life

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

~ Ephesians 2:10

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

~ Romans 8:28

Enjoying Connecting the Dots in Your Life

Look to connect the dots when God is working on your behalf!

- How God brought you to Himself; freeing / growing you*
- Times where He has rescued you from a situation or yourself*
- Moments when He just blessed you with a desire of your heart*
- Sowing you into relationships and strategic places*
- Opening and closing doors to tip His hand to where He's leading you*

Are you recognizing and enjoying His character behind His hand?

A blue-tinted landscape of rolling mountains with geometric overlays. The scene features a large, dark mountain peak in the foreground, with numerous smaller, hazy mountain ranges extending into the distance. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. Overlaid on the image are several thin, white geometric lines forming a large triangle and a hexagon. The text "ENJOYING GOD" is prominently displayed in the upper half of the image.

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Five Ways to Enjoy God

Enjoying Living Fully in the Moment

“As Jesus went, the people pressed around him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. And Jesus said, “Who was it that touched me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds surround you and are

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pressing in on you!” But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me.” And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

~ Luke 8:43-48

Enjoying Living Fully in the Moment

We live in a world of tremendous distraction.

Our lives can subtly default to being more about pursuit rather than presence!

Counter the world's tendency of "what's next/new" by *living fully in the moment God has given you*. Allows you to engage God, enjoy His character and see what He's up to around you!

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- 1) Enjoying God's Character in the Scriptures*
- 2) Enjoying God in His Creation*
- 3) Enjoying God at Work in Others*
- 4) Enjoying Connecting the Dots in Your Life*
- 5) Enjoying Living Fully in the Moment*