

# 2022: Perfecting Life

2 Peter 3:18  
Hebrews 6:1

## Your First and Highest Calling (Part 2) Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022

### Introduction

In the previous week, we established that if you ‘genuinely love God’ then fulfilling the other three (i.e., reverencing God, communing with Him, and obeying Him) should naturally flow. This means that you would naturally desire to reverence, commune and obey God.

However, the stumbling block is often in the ‘obeying’ part. This is important to overcome because obeying God is a fundamental aspect of our walk and calling in God.

How do we grow to the level where obeying God’s commandments and keeping His word is not a struggle?

Find below three tips that will help you to obey God, and prioritise your first and highest calling:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Tip: Always remember that God loves you and has your best interest at heart.

Having a revelation of this is a gamechanger because you will know that God wants what is best for you (Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV).

Romans 8:38-39 teaches that nothing can separate us from the love of God. A revelation of God’s love and peace ought to make you rest assured that God has your best interest at heart.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Tip: Make a habit of continuously magnifying God and His Word in every situation.

There is nothing you can do to magnify God’s size or make Him bigger; we the created cannot affect the size of the Creator. However, we can magnify our perception of God.

“We the created cannot affect the size of The Creator.” – Minister Dayo Oyinlola, New Wine Church London.

It is like using a pair of binoculars. If you look at an object with a big lens, it appears small. However, if you look at the same object using a small lens, the same object appears bigger. You are to magnify God based on His word, what He has done for you and the awesomeness of Him.

*If you love God, you should be intentional about magnifying God.*

The children of Israel in Numbers 13 and 14 had encamped near Mount Sinai for 2 years and were on the verge of entering Canaan—the land God had promised them. God told them to send spies to assess the land and the people living there, and the responses of the spies in the book of Numbers 13 were in line with what they magnified.

When the 12 spies saw the giants, 10 of them compared themselves with the giants, and became fearful. They magnified what they saw and gave the Israelites a bad report. However, Joshua and Caleb, seeing the giants, magnified God and His faithfulness to deliver.

A key lesson for us in this unfortunate story is that unbelief and disobedience never allows us to get beyond difficulties and challenges. However, magnifying God in every situation will always lead to victory!

3<sup>rd</sup> Tip: You have to move in faith!

Faith does not mean you don't acknowledge the dangers and difficulties of circumstances; rather, it looks away from them to God and magnifies His might and faithfulness to deliver.

**Hebrews 11:6** says: "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."

Do you recall the account of Ananias in the Acts of the Apostles? God appeared to Ananias and asked him to go and lay hands on a man named Saul (Apostle Paul) – so that the scales that had blinded Paul might come off.

This was the same Saul that persecuted the church to no measure. The Bible says in **Acts 8:3**: "*As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison.*"

You can imagine what would have been going through Ananias' mind when God sent him on this errand. Ananias could have been stuck on the fact that Saul (Paul) was the one killing Christians. What if other believers found out that he went to pray for Saul?

But in communion, he spoke to God about his concerns and God still told him to go. Ananias did not allow his flesh or personal views to get in the way; his love and reverence for God compelled him to obey God in faith. He made his requests known to God, and God gave him the peace to obey Him, as Philippians 4:6 shows us.

If you are wholeheartedly following God and prioritising your first and highest calling, you will be confronted with many situations where you will have to choose between following what God tells you to do in faith or otherwise. As a child of God, you simply cannot avoid it, but whenever you take the step of faith, God will honour that and work on your behalf.

Lastly...

Nobody knows tomorrow but while it is today, let us prioritise our first and highest calling: being sold-out to God.

Remember: it is your faith that pleases God.

In closing, be encouraged to make the necessary adjustments now – through the perfecting life process - to ensure you will be where God wants you by the end of this year (by His grace!).