



Pleasing God, PLEASING MEN



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Introduction

Living in this world means being with different people with different backgrounds, cultures, and beliefs. As believers, Jesus have instructed us to love one another (John 13:34) and even to love our enemies (Matthew 5:44). We are not to make enemies out of them.

Biblical examples of pleasing men:

- By not being needlessly offensive

1 Corinthians 10:31-33

³¹Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ³²Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, ³³just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

- By being gracious and kind, even when correcting error

2 Timothy 2:24-26

²⁴And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, ²⁵in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, ²⁶and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

- By building them up in Christ

Romans

15:2

Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.

Of all these examples, there is a much more important aim—to please God who examines our hearts.

1 Thessalonians 2:4

But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.

Sometimes, pleasing God means displeasing people who are opposed to God.

Would you rather please men and offend God or offend men and please God?

A. Aim to please God.

Mark 12:30

'And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.

1. Begin on the heart.

Mark 7:6

He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.'"

2. Continue in seeking and drawing near.

Hebrews 10:22-25

²²Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our

hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

B. Faith is essential to please God.

1. Believe that God is.

Whenever someone does not believe you or questions your integrity even when you are telling the truth, are you not offended? This shows how that person does not really know you nor have faith in you.

How much more to the God of truth, who cannot lie, when you doubt His Word!

Matthew 27:42-43

⁴²"He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him.

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Rev. Dr. James C. Sy
Administrative Pastor



As we celebrate the World's Teacher's Day, United Christian Academy (UCA) took the opportunity to honor its teachers who dedicated their lives in nurturing the students holistically. A joyous day for all the teachers of UCA was celebrated last October 20, at the UCA Auditorium, where students expressed their heartfelt gratitude to their second parents.

It was a day full of fun and exciting presentations from the students who gave their time and efforts to express their sincerest love and appreciation to their teachers, who also had their best time in hearing the messages of the students on how they were truly appreciated and loved. It was an overwhelming and heartwarming day for everyone from the fun games that were creatively planned, to the sumptuous meals prepared for all guests.

More than being teachers, they have also offered their lives so that the love and goodness of the Lord through Jesus Christ may be shared to both students and parents. For this, we thank God for the lives of our dear teachers who have given their lives to serve the Lord through the ministry of UCA!



**Daniel 7:13
(NKJV)**

"I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.



Grades 7 to 12 students also give their sincere appreciation to their teachers as they perform a song towards them.



GAMES



As they eat their appetizing meal, each table of the students and parents was given a chance to play a game called Guess the Teacher, a fun game that is all about the trivia facts about their teachers.



MEAL TIME



The teachers surely love their hearty meals as the students greet them a happy teachers' day.



Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Isaiah 41:10
(NKJV)



RAFFLE



As part of the program, the students also receive raffle prizes as the hosts call on their ticket numbers.



An audio visual presentation is also presented to show the greetings of the students.



AVP VIEWING



GIFT GIVING

The UCA teachers receive tokens and written letters from their loving students.



Students are excited to take snaps with their teachers.

PHOTOBOOTH



UCACOA



The UCA College of Asia (UCACOA) students also gave their honor and thanksgiving to their professors and of course the School Head of UCA and Vice President of UCACOA, Rev. Dr. James Sy.

Psalm 62:8
(NKJV)

Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.

PAGPUPUGAY SA MGA *lingkod ng Diyos*



PASTORS' APPRECIATION DAY

*Let the elders who rule
well be counted worthy of
double honor, especially those
who labor in the Word and doctrine.*

1 Timothy 5:17

Tunay na ang mga lingkod ng Diyos ay karapat-dapat sa dobleng karangalan para sa buhay na kanilang inilaan sa paglilingkod at pagsunod sa Panginoon. Upang pasalamatang ang kanilang buhay, buong kagalakang inalala ng UCF ang mga butihing pastor ng panambahan sa ginawang *Pastors' Appreciation Day* noong Oktubre 19, Huwebes, kasama ang buong kapatiran.

Samu't saring mga palaro at kuwento ng pag-alala at pasasalamat ang tampok sa gabing iyon na lalong nagbigay kasiyahan sa lahat. Napuno ng pagpupugay sa bawat pastor sa walang sawa nilang pagtuturo, paggabay at pagbabahagi ng mensahe ng Diyos. Sila ay hinandugan din ng mga regalong nagmula sa puso ng bawat isa, tanda ng pagmamahal at respeto sa mga tinawag ng Diyos upang pamahalaan ang Kaniyang mga tupa.

PANALANGIN PARA SA MGA PASTOR

Isa sa pinakamahalagang kaganapan ay nang itaas sa panalangin ang mga butihing pastor ng UCF. Dalangin ng lahat na higit pa silang gamitin ng Panginoon para sa pagpapalaganap ng Kaniyang Salita at mas lalo silang palakasin sa lahat ng aspeto ng kanilang buhay.



*Nakisa ang bawat miyembro at manggagawa ng
panambahan sa panalangin para sa mga pastor ng UCF.*



³You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.
⁴Trust in the Lord forever, For in Yah, the Lord, is everlasting strength.

**Isaiah 26:3-4
(NKJV)**

PALARO

Bilang paggunita sa pagpapagal ng mga tapat na lingkod ng Diyos ay naghanda ng mga masasayang palaro na siyang sumubok sa pagkakakilanlan ng mga miyembro sa bawat pastor ng UCF. Mapa-bata o matanda ay masayang nakilahok ang lahat sa mga laro tulad ng *Bring Me at Who's that Pastor?*



Ang ilan sa mga miyembro ng panambahan ay nag-alay ng mensahe ng kanilang pasasalamat dahil sa mga sakripisyo ng mga pastor upang makasunod sila sa Panginoon. Maliban pa rito ay ibinahagi rin nila ang mga masasaya at nakakaantig na kuwento kasama ang mga pastor na nagbigay ng aral sa kanila.

MENSAHE PARA SA MGA PASTOR



PAGBIBIGAY NG MGA REGALO

Bilang taos-pusong pasasalamat sa buhay ng ating mga butihing pastor, nagbigay ng munting mga regalo ang kapatiran sa kanila. Nang mayroong ngiti sa mga labi ay nagbahagi rin ng mga mensahe ang mga pastor na magpatuloy ang bawat isa na mahalín at sama-samang paglingkurán ang Diyos.



Psalm 20:7
(NKJV)

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

FELLOWSHIP

Masayang nagsama-sama ang kapatiran ng UCF na dumalo para sa araw ng mga pastor. Higit sa masasarap na inihandang mga putahe ay nagkaroon din ng maligayang oras ang lahat kasama ang mga pastor at bawat fellowship group.



Masayang nagkaisa ang pamilya ng UCF upang ipagdiwang nang masaya ang araw ng ating mga pastor. Siniguro rin ng bawat isa na ang bawat parte ng programa ay makapagbibigay parangal sa ating mga mabubuting pastor.



Masasarap na pagkain din ang pinagsalu-saluan ng kapatiran sa buong gabi ng programa.

³Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. ⁴Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:3-4 (NKJV)



PAGPAPAIGTING ng pagpapalago

Nagpapatuloy ang kabilang pagsasaayos ng mga pasilidad sa UCF Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center. Ang paghahanda na ito ay patunay na mas marami pang kaluluwa ang makakasumpung sa pag-ibig ng Panginoon sa pamamagitan ng iba't ibang aktibidad na inihahanda ng UCF. Sa pangunguna ni Punong Pastor Rev. Dr. William Sy ay hindi tumitigil ang mga manggagawa sa pagpapabuti sa lugar na magsisilbing kapahingahan hindi lamang ng mga bisita kung hindi pati na rin ng mga miyembro ng panambahan.

Tayo'y maging kabahagi ng paglagong ito ng ating ministeryo at sama-samang makilahok sa mga susunod na gawain na magbibigay papuri at parangal sa Diyos.



PAG-AYOS NG MGA CABIN

Tuloy-tuloy naman ang paggawa ng bagong cabin sa tabi ng overlooking area. Mula sa mga bakal para sa poste hanggang sa pagsesemento ng mga bagong pader ay tulong-tulong itong pinagsikapan ng ilang manggagawa sa lugar. Ang cabin na ito ay upang maging komportable ang pananatili ng mga bisita.



PAG-AYOS NG DRAINAGE

Isinaayos naman ang water drainage system ng ilang pasilidad sa lugar. Ang mga tubo na daluyan ng tubig ulan mula sa mga bubong ay pinalitan at ang mga kanal naman ay nilinis. Ginawan rin ng bagong takip na bakal ang kanal upang hindi malagyan ng mga dahon o basura na maaaring maging dahilan ng pagbara nito.



**Psalms 37:5-6
(NKJV)**

⁵Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. ⁶He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.

Tuwing Martes ng hapon ay nagtitipon-
tipon ang mga nagnanais makakilala sa
Panginoon at magbigay ng mga papuri
sa Kaniyang Ngalan sa pamamagitan
ng mga awitin. Matapos nito ay ang
pakikinig naman ng Salita ng Diyos
sa pamamagitan ng Kaniyang mga
tapat na lingkod. Hindi napipigil ang
pagdagsa ng mga tao dahil sa kanilang
dedikasyon sa pagtuklas sa ating Diyos
na buhay.



PAGTUKLAS SA SALITA NG DIYOS



Ang pag-ibig ng Diyos ay patuloy na umaapaw sa gawain ng Bible Study mula sa
pagbabahagi ng Kaniyang Salita hanggang sa pagtitipon para sa fellowship ng kapatiran.

PAGBISITA SA MGA HOME BIBLE CHURCH



PUROK 17, DAPDAP EAST

Sa mga nakalipas na buwan, marami na ang nabisita ng mga manggagawa ng UCF sa mga karatig na barangay ng UCF Mt. Tabor Church. Sa pangunguna ni
Rev. Morrell Estrellado kasama ang ating Punong Pastor na si Rev. Dr. William Sy ay binisita ng mga manggagawa ang tahanan ng mga Home Bible
Church (HBC) host. Sila ay kinamusta at ipinanalangin ng ating mga pastor.



PUROK 16, DAPDAP EAST



PUROK 5, BRGY. CASILE



PUROK 3, BRGY. CASILE



Sa pamamagitan ng mga itinatag na HBC sa mga kalapit barangay ng UCF Mt. Tabor Church, mas mapapalawig pa ang pagbabahagi ng
Salita ng Diyos sa mga susunod na panahon.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my
heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him.

Psalm 28:7
(NKJV)

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⁴³He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

We must believe that God is exactly who His Word reveals Him to be because to believe in God "as you conceived Him to be" is idolatry, a god of your own imagination.

We must believe that God is love and also judgment. God is merciful and also wrath.

It is easy to create our own image of god: The god who will love me and save me, the god who will bless me unconditionally, and the god who understands me and will forgive me. All these are true but only as a portion of who God is.

Remember that God permitted Job to experience losing his wealth, his health, and even his family. But since Job knew God, he said, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:21)

Even the disciples experienced a similar case when Jesus taught some difficult doctrines that caused many disciples to turn away. Rather than softening the teaching, He turned to the twelve and asked, "You do not want to go away also, do you?" Peter spoke and answer, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God." (John 6:67-68)

You may not like the trials or the

teachings, but knowing God and His words, it will all end in our favor.

Romans 8:28

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

2. Believe that God is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Remember that if Satan can't get you to doubt God's existence, he will try to get you to doubt God's goodness, His judgment, or His power.

Satan may whisper in your mind, "If God loves you, why are you experiencing sufferings?"

Faith is not just believing but also taking a stand.

Tell Satan, "God loves me. Even though I'm experiencing sufferings, God is able to deliver me."

James 1:2-4

²My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

⁹And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ

may rest upon me. ¹⁰Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Conclusion

Faith is our daily walk towards eternity. To walk with God means to follow Him wherever He goes. By faith we follow Him, obey Him, talk to Him, share with Him, and learn His ways.

1 Timothy 4:7-8

⁷But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. ⁸For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

You have to do the walking, and walking properly requires discipline. Some have grown lazy and are not walking properly.

Hebrews 12:1-2

¹Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

If people participate in church services, follow all the rituals perfectly and religiously, and think to themselves that those things will represent their heart's faith, they are mistaken.

Any person, even unbelievers, can have the appearance of being devout.

Hebrews 11:6

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.

If the heart is not cleansed, any form of work means nothing.

If people are trying to legitimize ways of not obeying or doing what Jesus' commanded, then their hearts need cleansing.

Jeremiah 17:5, 9-10

⁵Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the Lord. ⁹"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? ¹⁰I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

People say, "trust your heart," but the Scriptures say, "the heart is deceitful above all things."

Do not trust your heart; trust God and His words.

Proverbs 4:20-22

²⁰My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; ²²For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

God is more concerned with what we actually are than what our outward performance looks like.

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9:00AM (Paranaque)
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MIDWEEK SERVICE
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Paranaque

DAILY PRAYER
6:00PM

BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays at 6:00PM
Cabuyao, Laguna

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