

Seeing yourself as God's Masterpiece

How not to be hard and critical on yourself but see and experience the truth that you are God's masterpieces.

You are God's Master piece

How to be happy and be the best wherever you may be,

Too many living negative – depressive – angry - in life – becos – don't like where they are

Always trying to get somewhere else – be something else

Many allow challenge overwhelm - purpose

Many allow challenges to overwhelm them

Know God will not allow you go through any challenges without a great purpose for you.

Nasty guy - God is using him to prepare you for something great

If God removed them – you will not be prepared – what he has in stored

Pray - att: Meanwhile this is where God has me right now – I am going to be **HAPPY BEST**

Eagle – no chick, crow, turkey

Your interruptions, incon, delays may well be - your opportunity to receive a miracle - Eph.

Mary looking for a healing – ress
Eph 3 20 – exceedingly abundantly above and beyond

*Eph 2:10
God has made us what we are – masterpieces. He created us anew in our union with Christ Jesus for a life of excellent works that He has prepared us in advance to walk in them. JY*

How not to be hard and critical on yourself and enjoy the truth that you are God's masterpieces.

Too many peo not happy w who they are
IF– taller– blue – more outgoing – ability – always diff

If am a little taller – more outgoing personality – blue eyes – always wanting to be something diff

Why is it imp't to accept the way God made you?

If going to enjoy life – joy - have to be accept how God made you – what cannot be changed

Can't accept self – cant get along w others – **Pharisees** – few friends

1. Recognize you are wonderfully and uniquely made

Eph 2:10a God has made us what we are – masterpieces.

What are some of the most beautiful things or places on earth?

I like mountains – never like beaches
Langkawi – sunrise – eagles – challenges

Ask peo: Swiss alps – rocky? – solar sys?

Ask **God**: without hesitation - most beautiful - priced thing – **YOU**

Good – **very** good

His image

Bible – God's – creation -

masterpiece

Don't go around – thinking negative that about self – **slow** – not attractive

So slow – not talented as my friend
Not attractive - I don't like my nose, taller

1 Cor 12:4-6

Remind – I am God's **master** pieces

TAG – made in **Viet Indo** – made in **heaven** – most high

Don't like – criticize God's workmanship – **not good**

How does God describe the way you are being made?

Psalms 139:14

14 I praise you because I am **fearfully** and **wonderfully** made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Fearfully: worshipfully

Deut 6 13; Luke 4 8 High place – bow – Jesus said

Obj of God's adoration and wonder

Wonderfully – distinct, different, unique

One of kind

So often - wish we can **be** something diff – if dark ... - if light

Dark skin – cream – lighter

Light skin – lie in sun all day – to get darker

Not say you cannot change

Curl hair – straighten your hair – perm it

Grey hair – dye it; no hair – buy it

Not say – cannot ask God change

circum – until that – **accept** – **unchangeable** things – happy

If cant sing – don't force – be what God made you to be – Charles Nieman

God made you the way you are on purpose

Short – many advantages

Any seat – business class seat – no leg room prob – no need front seat - emergency

Heard – 6 yrs longer – average;

Tall – beat us to heaven;

Baseball players – passionate – wonder

Heaven – play baseball; - agreement

– if go earlier – come back tell –

Good news – there is; bad new – you schedule to play next week

If God – taller – color –

If God wants you taller – make you taller – skin color

Don't just happen – personality – Oh

Wish speak oxford, of course, work hard, done best – still only

Chinaman – so what – Phua Chu Kang – made mill – speaking like a chinaman

PCK PTE – best in Singapore, JB, some peo say, Batam

I don't like my nose – so what - Jacky
Didn't happen to get your personality – didn't acci get your nose

Recognize what you have and you will enjoy life more

Man died in extreme poverty

– after funeral – pict on wall – sell – rare – 1800 – 3 m –

Living in defeat – not recog the value of what you have

John Osteen – new car – sad

– watch advert – close image of a new car – gadget – wood trimming – acceleration – about to switch off – saw – big pict of car – realize same car bought

2. Give attention to what God says about you

Eph 2:10 b ... He created us anew in our union with Christ Jesus ...

2 Cor 5:17-20

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Created – how word – let there be light

Same – **Jesus** recreate word - **Peter**

Too many peo – stuck w what **people** say

Doc, boss, teacher (most great), aunty say – 48 yrs ago

Why is it imp't to focus on what God says about you?

2 Cor 5:16

16 So we have stopped evaluating others by what the world thinks about them. NLT

When you always crave for outside approval, you will always be frustrated

If always trying to **gain** outside

validation – roller coaster

Life – roller coaster – up peo compli – frust – when they don't

LADY: What is it about me you **love** most

– nat beauty – in creditable figure
– vivacious personality – most – unlimited imagination
20 20 60
20 – always be against, 20 – for you; 60 – if you focus – be unhappy 80% of time
Negative voice always sound **loudest**
Crow – chicken – turkey – always loudest – end up on table
Recognize that what God says about you is final
Revelation 21:5-7
5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."
6 He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.
7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. (from New International Version)
First and **last word – final say**
What other say – may be hurting – but it wont count – if you don't focus on it – focus on what God says
You are God's **masterpiece**
I **don't see how** attractive
Been to **museum** – some pieces – **look** ord – analyze **chem**
like Sunday sch drawings – fetch millions – chem. analyse – just canvas, paper, ink – Painting gets its value from painter – Picasso Leonardo Da Vinci
I am **JUST a ... not anybody - child**
I am just a carpenter – sch teacher – not just anything – hold head high – child of most high
Rid of pict of defeat – mediocrity – **head – victor**
Head not tail, **above** not beneath **Victor**, not a victim –
Good morn – you wonderful thing

– apple of God's eyes - master piece

3. Learn to enjoy the **process** and **not just the goal**

Eph 2:10c ... for a life of excellent works that He has prepared us in advance to walk in them. JY

You **being** prepared

Be happy with what you have and not what you don't have

Genesis 1:3-6

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

Let there be **light** – light came

Good – not yet – **messy** – sep water

sky – no mt, river, fish, no

lobster, no haygo

Yet God pause – **not perf** – not

completely done – **good**

Only a C, only 1 A – still A student

Do what God did – when you **did something – given best** – rejoice – declare good

Don't go around **beating** yourself –

Unworthy – Cornie – purpose – vision – make disciples (many things can do)

Don't focus– what's wrong – burnt toast - lost temper – things still struggling habit – Not A

Don't focus on the **wrong** – find something you did **right**

Burn bread – at least – you make coffee that is drinkable

Lost temper in traffic – did take time to help a friend in need this afternoon

Things still struggling with – celebrate the little changes – still fighting? At least – lesser fights

Still sick – at least – not on bed all the time – still can eat

I am bad student just one A – still A student

Stop beating yourself or you will beat others

Be **patience** with **yourself** and you will be patient with **others**

Studies shown – **divorce** – 20% need not met – got remarried – found same problem

Celebrate the process, not just goal

Why is it impt to enjoy the process and not just achieving goals?

Eccl 5:19-6:1

19 And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life--that is indeed a gift from God. 20 People who do this rarely look with sorrow on the past, for God has given them reasons for joy. NLT

Sometimes, so **consumed** w goal – can't enjoy process

Point is – **few** highs: grad, girlfriend, wedding, inc, bonus

Enjoy those moments but don't live for it – even 5 **bonuses**

Even 5 bonuses – great – don't live for just that – happy – still 360 days

If just live for the highs – **miserable** 360 days - most of the time – enjoy **process**

Enjoy fulfillment of goal – also process

Oh – **win** game – happy – real winner – not won – those **enjoy**

Got to make my **millions** bef 30

Don't let this **vision goal** **consume** you – not happy without -

Ps 37:4

4 Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires and secret petitions of your heart. AMP

Pause – enjoy process – enjoy presence of God – creation: smell flowers – hear birds singing - watch sunrise

Ai yah – nowadays – very hard to raise up **kids**

– **chore** – **pushing** them to study hard – **pushing** tuition after tuition, class after class – piano; **pause** –

enjoy them – like God **pause** – **imperf - good**

– play marble - monopoly – running around house – playing hide and seek

Ai yah – my kids always waking middle of nite, interrupting my sleep – hear footstep - **unset**

Yes, 20 years later – wish hear footsteps walking towards your room

One of kids – every time – morn prayer

– heard my sound – push bible – sit on me – feel interrupted - value those moment – even today – prepn – from back – still scream - opp

Oh if **spouse** is change – happy

Pray – **enjoy** the way they are now – **not perf** – good – **recog God still working**

Husb – like Jacob

There can be a **Isreal** in every **Jacob**

Like Simon – my spouse no spine

How transformed – His **WORD**

Like Saul – mocking at me – faith

Like Gideon – fear

Peter, Paul, Mighty warrior

Paul in every Saul

Peter in every Simon

See them as what they can be

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