

The Good Life

Week 1 - Is God really good in every area of my life?

"The Lord is always good. He is always loving and kind, and his faithfulness goes on and on to each succeeding generation." – Psalm 100:5 (LB)

"Worship God if you want the best, because worship opens the doors, to all God's goodness." – Psalm 34:9 (LB)

Four negative consequences of forgetting God's goodness:

1. _____.

"One day King Herod put on his royal robes, sat on his throne, and he made a speech to the people. They shouted, 'This is the voice of a god! It's the voice of a god. He's more than a human!' Because Herod gave no credit to God, the Lord sent an angel to strike him down with a fatal disease, and he died." – Acts 12:21-23

"For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God." – Romans 1:20-21 (NLT)

"They know God exists, but they do not give Him credit for all that He's made, and they're ungrateful. Their thinking becomes confused and their hearts fill up with darkness, and they think they are wise, but really they have become fools." – Romans 1:20-21

"For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful..." – 2 Timothy 3:2 (ESV)

"What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if all you have is from God, why act as though you are so great, and as though you accomplished it all on your own? – 1 Corinthians 4:7 (LB)

2. _____.

"Ask and it shall be given. Seek and you'll find. Knock and the door will be opened." – Matthew 7:7

"If you, as imperfect parents, know how to give good gifts to your own children, how much more will your heavenly Father, give good gifts to those who ask him?" – Luke 11:13 (NLT)

"Answer me, O Lord, out of the goodness of your love." – Psalm 69:16 (NLT)

3. _____.

"Protect me, God, because I trust in you. You are my Lord! And every good thing I have come from you!" – Psalm 16:1-2 (ICB)

"You know, we can have joy even in our troubles. Because we know that these troubles are good for us, producing patience and character and hope!" – Romans 5:3 (NLT)

“And we know that in everything, God works for the good of those who love him, and are called according to his good purpose.” – Romans 8:28 (NCV)

4. _____.

“I would have despaired... unless I had believed that I'd see the goodness... the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Instead I thought, 'wait for the Lord! Be strong, let your heart take courage! Yes, wait for the Lord!'” – Psalm 27:13-14

Hope is anticipating God's goodness.

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good.” – Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Nine Benefits of God's Goodness to you:

1. When I am worried he will meet all my needs.

“The Lord is my shepherd, I will lack nothing.” – Psalm 23:1

2. When I am stressed he will teach me to relax.

“He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters.” – Psalm 23:2

3. He will give me strength when I am weary.

“He restores my soul. (He gives me new strength.)” – Psalm 23:3

4. When I am confused He will lead me.

“He guides me in the right paths for his namesake, because he is a good God.” – Psalm 23:3

5. He is with me when I am fearful.

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.” – Psalm 23:4

6. He heals my insecurity.

“Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” – Psalm 23:4

7. Favor will be on my life.

“You prepare a banquet for me in front of all my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows.” – Psalm 23:5

8. He is with me, no matter what.

“Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life.” – Psalm 23:6

9. I get to go to Heaven!

“I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” – Psalm 23:6
