

Character Profile: My God is Good

The Bible Proclaims and Displays that God is Good.

Psalm 31:19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

Psalm 34:8 O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Psalm 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

Psalm 84:11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Psalm 86:5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Psalm 107:1,8-9 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever....8 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Psalm 119:68 Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

Psalm 145:9 The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies [compassion] are over all his works.

Nahum 1:7 The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

Romans 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1. Look for key/ repeating words in these verses. Do you see any themes or common ideas?
2. Meditate on God's goodness in Psalm 31:19 and 34:8. What is our part in understanding God's goodness?
3. Meditate on Psalm 84:11. What images do the words "sun" and "shield" bring to your mind. What type of people does the Lord not withhold good things from? - Apply that truth.
4. Meditate on Psalm 86:5. What picture does the verse bring to your mind? How can we "access" God's forgiveness and mercy? Many times, when we don't feel like God is good, what have we most likely neglected to do?

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5. Meditate on Psalm 119:68. When we realize the depths of God's goodness, how do we respond?

6. Meditate on Psalm 145:9. Does God limit his goodness at all? (Towards people or any of his actions?) Apply that truth personally.

7. Meditate on Romans 2:4. How did the people in this verse wrongly respond to God's goodness? What is the proper response?

8. Meditate on James 1:17. What are the ramifications of this verse?

9. Mediate on 1 John 1:5. What does this verse reveal about God's character?

How should we apply the truth that God is Good?

1. How do we tend to think incorrectly about God in this area?
2. How do we need to "renew our mind" (change the way we think) because of today's verses? (Hint: What thoughts should replace the wrong thoughts from discussion question 1 above?)
5. **Pray specifically for each other.** As you go around your circle, specifically pray that the person to your right will trust in God's goodness (Psalm 31:19; 34:8) and specifically pray that the person on your left would be teachable (Psalm 119:68).