The Goodness Of God

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Matthew 5:45, Psalms 100:5, John 10:10, Psalms 91:14-16, Colossians 3:1, Philippians 3:13-14, Hebrews 12:2, Psalms 34:9, Ephesians 5:20, James 1:17, Luke 12:13-21, 2 Timothy 3:2, 1 Corinthians 4:7, James 1:17, Matthew 7:7, James 4:2, Jeremiah 33:3, Romans 8:28, Psalms 27:13, Jeremiah 29:11, Psalms 23:1-6

Matthew 5:45

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Psalms 100:5

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Our circumstances do not determine if God is good or not

We must continually focus on the goodness of God

We can't fill our minds with the trash of life and expect to see the goodness of God

Walking by faith is focusing on God's goodness when everything around us is going crazy

Psalms 91:14

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

Psalms 91:15

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

Psalms 91:16

With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Colossians 3:1

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Philippians 3:13

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

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I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 12:2

Looking 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 is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

5 ways to focus on God's goodness

1. Worship God

Psalms 34:9 MSG

Worship God if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness.

2. Be thankful

Ephesians 5:20

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Never take credit for the things that God has done in your life

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.

And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

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And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

The problem with people that think they are self-made is the only focus on themselves

2 Timothy 3:2

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

Never forget that God is our total source of supply

1 Corinthians 4:7

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3. Always ask God for help

Matthew 7:7

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

James 4:2

Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

The more you ask, the more God can meet your needs

The more God meets your needs, the more you can grow and trust Him to meet your needs.

Jeremiah 33:3

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

4. Trust God in difficult times

Going to God with our needs should be our first choice and not our last resort.

Romans 8:28

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

5. Remain hopeful about the future

Psalms 27:13

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Get your eyes off the problems and on what God has done for you

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

God only has good plans for your life

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He will meet your needs

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He will teach you how to relax

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

He will replenish your strength when you are empty

When you are undecided, He will guide you

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

He will walk with you in your dark and fearful days.

He will protect you when you feel insecure

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

He will publicly show His favor your

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

He will be good to me no matter what happens

He will take you to heaven one day