

Your understanding of what God is really like shapes everything else in your life, including how you pray.

For THE LORD IS GOOD. HIS UNFAILING LOVE CONTINUES FOREVER, and his faithfulness continues to each generation. Psalm 100:5 (NLT)

BECAUSE GOD IS ALWAYS GOOD...

1.

"'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord. 'They are plans for GOOD and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen" Jeremiah 29:11, 12 (NLT)

"We know that God causes everything to <u>work together for</u> <u>THE GOOD</u> of those who love God and are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 (NLT)

Joseph: "You meant to hurt me, but God <u>turned your evil</u> into <u>GOOD</u> to save the lives of many people..." Genesis 50:20 (NCV)

"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance." Romans 5:3 (NLT)

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"He does not punish us for all our sins; <u>he does not deal harshly</u> <u>with us as we deserve</u>... (Because of His goodness) He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west." Psalm 103:10, 12 (NLT)

"Even if my father and mother abandon me, <u>the Lord will hold</u> <u>me close</u>... my enemies are waiting for me [to trap me]... Yet I am confident I will see the <u>Lord's GOODNESS</u> while I'm herein the land of the living." Psalm 27:10-13 (NLT)

"[Jesus] understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us <u>come boldly to</u> <u>the throne</u> of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find the grace to help us when we need it." Hebrews 4:15-16 (NLT) "I am the <u>GOOD shepherd;</u> I know my own sheep, and they know me... So I <u>sacrifice my life</u> for the sheep." John 10:14-15 NLT

"[Jesus] was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God." Romans 4:25 (NLT)

"Since [God] <u>did not spare</u> even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us <u>everything else</u>?" Romans 8:32 (NLT)

4.

"You fathers – if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! So if you, as sinful people, know how to give <u>GOOD gifts</u> to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" Luke 11:11-13 (NLT)

Jesus replied, "You <u>don't know what you are asking</u>!" Matthew 20:22a (NLT)

God says, "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts, and my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)

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"Because of [God's] great mercy he has given us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope, and so we look forward to possessing the rich blessings that God keeps for his people. He keeps them for you in heaven, where they cannot decay or spoil or fade away." 1 Peter 1:3b, 4 (GNT)

"<u>Surely your goodness</u> and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the <u>house of the Lord forever</u>!" Psalm 23:6 (NIV)

MEMORY VERSE:

"Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you" 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

PRAY THIS WEEK

"Turn my eyes from worthless things, and <u>give me life through</u> <u>your Word</u>... Help me abandon my shameful ways; for your regulations are good. I long to obey your commandments! <u>RENEW my life</u> with your GOODNESS!" Psalm 119:37, 39-40 (NLT)

Revive My Heart ... My Small Group ... Our Church Family

"Restore us, O Lord, and bring us back to you again! Give us back the joys we once had!." Lamentations 5:21 (NLT)

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