

# Goodness of God

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Theme: God has promised His goodness to us

Looking at various descriptions on God's attributes, the term "goodness" in relation to the character of God is used in two ways. Some who write on His attributes use it to describe the uprightness of God--that everything about Him is perfectly pure and morally right. More commonly, however, this term is used to describe God's benevolent nature--His generosity. We'll look at both.

God is by nature a giving God. He gives to his creation and sustains it out of His goodness. He provides all that is needed for all He has made.

Look up the word "goodness" and write what it says.

Read **Romans 3: 10-12, 23**. What do these verses say about mans' goodness?

**Romans 3:12:** "there is none that doeth good - no not one". How does this thought "none that doeth good" make you feel?

But don't we do good most of the time? Write 5 good things you've done could be classified as "good" in the past 2 weeks.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What about Mother Theresa – isn't she known as someone who did good her whole life?

Now think back to the question that included this phrase: "most of the time". In your own words, explain how that statement is true.

***Promise of God's Goodness towards us.*** Now let's contrast our goodness with the goodness of God. Look up each verse below and write a brief comment about what the verse's thought means to you. (Be ready to discuss/share what you have written.)

**Psa. 23:6**

**Psa. 25:7**

**Psa: 8,9,15,21,31**

**Psa. 145:7**

**Gal. 5:22**

**Eph. 5:9**

We classify people we know as “good” because they are most of the time. However, God is not good or provides His promise of goodness most of the time but always. Read **James 1:17**. Why is this verse important for believers?

Now read **Matt 7:7-12**. What is the message we should think about in these verses?

Spend some time thinking about the goodness of God. His goodness should lead us to repentance and it should lead us to do what is right. God’s goodness is not limited to one aspect or area of our life. It is not limited to a few years nor does it ever run out. It is given to us even when we don’t deserve it. Yet it is as if we are surrounded by His goodness all of the time and in every part of our daily life. We are to be appreciative of all the good things God has done for us. He is the source of everything good that we have, and he gives to us because he is good, not because we have a right to what we are given. As you read each verse below write a thought as you view it in God’s goodness.

God’s Love toward us: **John 3:16**

Eternal Life give us: **2Tim 1:1**

Wisdom freely given : **James 1:5**

Living out our life in faith: **Hebrews 12: 1-3**

Kept by the power of God: **I Peter 1:3-5**

Peace of God: **Phil 4:4-7**

God supplies our needs: **Phil 4:19**

Victory in Christ: **2 Corinthians 2: 14-17**

Justified in God’s sight: **Romans 5:1**

Finding Help: **Hebrews 4:16**

This list is not exhaustive by any means. What are some other Bible verses, stories, etc. that remind you of God’s goodness? List them below.