

GOOD GOOD FATHER

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The simple truth is that God is a good, good God.

The enemy hates this truth because it is the foundation of all truth that we will learn.

Ephesians 6:2-4 // ""2 Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." 4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

Ephesians 6:4 // "Fathers, do not irritate and provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to resentment], but rear them [tenderly] in the training and discipline and the counsel and admonition of the Lord."

Psalms 145:8-9 // "The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works."

In these verses we see the nature and character of God.

• Gracious •

(showing goodness when it is not deserved)

God is a God that will be good to you even when you don't deserve it.

Romans 5:8 // "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

God is a God that is willing to show goodness to you no matter what you've done

• Full of Compassion •

(concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others)

God is not distant and unconcerned when we are going through difficult times

• Slow to Anger •

(strong feeling of annoyance, displeasure, or hostility)

As a father, it can be easy to get annoyed with others

But God is not like that

The truth of the matter is no one is perfect and we need to allow them the same long suffering that God allows us.

• Great Mercy •

(withholding judgment when punishment is due)

Mercy is the compliment to Grace

God will correct us, but not punish us.

• Good to All •

Good = that which is morally right and shows good or benefit to others

God will never violate his moral righteousness nor will he violate his good to others in this age

He becomes an anxious bystander just waiting to show good

II Chronicles 16:9 // "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him..."

I John 3:1 // "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!"

What a blessing to be called a child of God and to have received all of His blessings

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