

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE TALKING TO?

Learning to Pray – Part 2

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

“What comes to your mind when you think about God is the most important thing about you, because it affects everything else in your life.” – A. W. Tozer

The LORD is always good. He is always loving and kind, and his faithfulness goes on and on to each succeeding generation. – Psalm 100:5 LB

BECAUSE GOD IS ALWAYS GOOD...

1. His plans for my life will always be good.

How great is your goodness that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you have given to those who trust you. You do this for all to see. – Psalm 31:19 NCV

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them. – Rom. 8:28 NLT

“You intended harm for me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.” – Gen. 50:20 NLT

2. He gives me what I need, not what I deserve.

We sinned against him, but he didn’t give us the punishment we deserved. His love for his followers is as high above us as heaven is above the earth. And he has taken our sins as far away from us as the east is from the west. – Psalm 103:10-12 ERV

Even if my father and mother abandon me, the LORD will hold me close. ...my enemies are waiting for me. Do not let me fall into their hands.... Yet I am confident I will see the LORD’s goodness while I am still here in the land of the living. – Psalm 27:10-13 NLT

Jesus the Son of God...understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. – Heb. 4:15-16 NLT

3. He put my good above His own good.

He died for our sins and rose again to make us right with God, filling us with God’s goodness. – Rom. 5:25 LB

God didn’t spare his own Son but handed him over [to death] for all of us. So he will also give us everything along with him. – Rom. 8:32 GW

4. He does not say yes to every request.

"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 sinful people know how to give good gifts 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 don't realize what you are asking." – Matt. 20:22 GW

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "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

PRAY THIS WEEK:

Turn my eyes away from worthless things. Give me a new life in your ways.... Renew my life with your goodness. – Psalm 119:37 &40 GW/NLT

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

Bring us back to you, GOD—we're ready to come back. Give us a fresh start. – Lam. 5:21
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