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I am confident

I will see the LORD's goodness

while I am here in the land of the living.

P S A L M 27 : 13



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## How great is our God!

We often say “God is good” when positive things happen to us, but it’s important to remember that his goodness goes way beyond the happy things he throws our way. God not only *does* good things; he *is* good! God’s goodness means he is the very embodiment of truth, love, justice, and righteousness. Out of his virtuous character, God provided his own Son, Jesus, as a sacrifice on the cross for our redemption—our eternal salvation. Remember this when someday you are faced with a health scare, a difficult situation, or even the death of someone close to you. Amid the bad things that happen, God demonstrates his boundless love, comfort, and compassion. With his help, we will still be able to say, “God is good, y’all!”



Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the  
joys of those who take refuge in him!

PSALM 34:8

Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!  
No one can measure his greatness.

PSALM 145:3

## Cherishing the ones who matter most

You well know that biscuits and gravy made from scratch is a special kind of goodness—not only because of its mouth-watering taste but also because it reminds you of home sweet home: the familiar comforts and pleasures . . . the happy memories made with those you love. No one's more important than family. Yet maybe you haven't shown how much you cherish yours lately. Perhaps now is a good time to remember the specific things that make your family members so special. Praise God for putting each one in your life. Then maybe at some blessed time today, whisper to them, "I love you like biscuits and gravy!"



Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8, NIV

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

1 PETER 4:8

*I love you  
like biscuits  
and gravy*



You'd best get  
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## When you get too full of yourself

Have you ever gotten all steamed up because you were sure you were right about something, but others disagreed? You were madder than a wet hen, and it spiraled into a bigger and bigger problem. Sometimes, though, the real problem *is* us. We can be so loud and pushy when we demand we're right that we end up making our own enemies and messes. There are words for this—*pride* and *self-righteousness*—and the Bible advises that we'd best get busy being glad in the same britches we got mad in. In other words, we need to get over ourselves, deal with the matter, let go of our pride, and start to value others more highly. Do you need to confess to God that you've gotten too big for your britches? Turn the situation over to him and see what he will do—not only in the mess you find yourself in, but also in your heart and character.



Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.  
Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3, NIV

## Abiding in the hope of heaven

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Have you heard the gospel tune “Will You Meet Me Over Yonder?” It’s about Christian families and friends being reunited in heaven. The beautiful thing about the Christian life is its ultimate promise: eternal life. Here on earth, we enjoy fellowship with God through his Holy Spirit, and when we pass away, we’ll be welcomed into his heavenly home. Maybe for you it feels too soon to think about such matters. But when you have heaven on your mind, your life on earth could never be better. So don’t be afraid to give some thought to the joys of life over yonder. See how it changes your outlook today.



Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.

1 PETER 1:3-4

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Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor.

COLOSSIANS 3:1

Over  
yonder



Well,  
hush your  
mouth!



## When your tongue gets the best of you

You know someone this applies to, don't you? Someone who chatters and gossips and often says things that hurt others. Even if you haven't said it to their face, you've probably thought it. But if you turn the mirror around, can you see yourself? If you're honest, can you remember a time you said too much about someone? As one who loves Jesus, you have a higher calling. He wants you to carry yourself with dignity and respect as he would instead of hogging the conversation and speaking ill of people. Pray for him to help you tell the Good News *to* others and not repeat the gossipy news *about* others.



Though some tongues just love the taste of gossip, those who follow Jesus have better uses for language than that. Don't talk dirty or silly. That kind of talk doesn't fit our style. Thanksgiving is our dialect.

EPHESIANS 5:4, MSG

## When doing nothing is the best thing



The Bible says there is “a time for every activity under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Sure, there’s a time for you to get up off the couch and do something. But maybe, just maybe, it’s time for you to pause and wait—to sit down and put your feet up. Lollygaggin’ isn’t always a bad thing. The Bible also says we are to wait upon the Lord. Sometimes it’s important to stop all our busyness and focus on God so we can rest up, both spiritually and physically. You might want to do some lollygaggin’ by reading the Scriptures, listening for the Lord’s voice, and preparing yourself for the great things he will do. And don’t worry or feel guilty, ’cause this kind of lollygaggin’ is never a waste of time!



They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run,  
and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

ISAIAH 40:31, KJV

*I'm  
just  
lolly-  
gaggin',*



*That dog  
won't hunt*





## Finding help when life doesn't work

Maybe you're experiencing a spell when everything seems impossible. That dog just won't hunt. When you try and try and nothing succeeds, it's easy to spiral downward into hopelessness. But like Hazel says in Fannie Flagg's novel *I Still Dream about You*, "Don't give up before the miracle happens." When you're failing and flailing, come to God in your despair. See if he will change the circumstances and outcomes—or at least the way you handle them. Listen to him perhaps telling you to try something different. Let him speak new hope and possibility over you. He wants you to succeed. But even more, he wants you to seek him and spend time in his presence.



I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss. Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:20-23

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

MATTHEW 19:26, ESV



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