

God is Good (But the answer is no)

THINGS CHRISTIANS SAY

Yahweh doesn't just _____ good things, He _____ good.

1 Chronicles 16:34 Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His loving devotion endures forever.

Psalm 145:9 The LORD is good to all; His compassion rests on all He has made.

Psalm 34:8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Psalm 100:5 For the LORD is good, and His loving devotion endures forever; His faithfulness continues to all generations.

Psalm 119:68 You are good, and You do what is good;

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

Mark 10:18 "Why do you call Me good?" Jesus replied. "No one is good except God alone.

Why _____ calling Him good?

2 Corinthians 11:22-28 Speaking as a fool, however, I can match what anyone else dares to boast about. 22Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. 23Are they servants of Christ? I am speaking like I am out of my mind, but I am so much more: in harder labor, in more imprisonments, in worse beatings, in frequent danger of death. 24Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. 25Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked. I spent a night and a day in the open sea. 26In my frequent journeys, I have been in danger from rivers and from bandits, in danger from my countrymen and from the Gentiles, in danger in the city and in the country, in danger on the sea and among false brothers, 27in labor and toil and often without sleep, in hunger and thirst and often without food, in cold and exposure. 28 Apart from these external trials, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

*2 Corinthians 12:7-10 So to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But He said to me, "**My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness.**" Therefore I will boast all the more gladly in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest on me. 10 That is why, for the sake of Christ, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

What do you do when God, who is good all the time, says "no"?

1. _____ your "no" well.

A _____ from the enemy at the right moment of vulnerability can sound like the _____.

A “no” from God always has a good _____.

2. Allow your _____ to change.

There are some things we will only _____ with a “no” that we won’t learn with a “yes”.

_____ received a “no” as well.

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