

God Time Day 1: I Am a Good Person



Read Romans 3:23.  
*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

Most people believe they are a good person. This assumption is typically made by comparing ourselves to others. But if God is the one who judges sin, then we should be living according to His standards. Let's give it a try.



- Have you ever told a lie? If so, that makes you a liar.
- Have you ever stolen something, no matter how small? Doesn't that make you a thief?
- Have you ever looked at someone with lust? According to Jesus, to do so makes you an adulterer.
- Have you ever treated anything or anyone as more important than God? Doesn't that make you an idol worshipper?

Do you still believe you are a good person?



Pray for God's mercy and give thanks for His forgiveness.

God Time Day 2: Is My Good Enough Good Enough?



Read Mark 10:17-18.  
<sup>17</sup> *As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"* <sup>18</sup> *"Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "No one is good except God alone."*

Let's look at that last statement by Jesus.

Underline the answer: who does Jesus say is good?

Circle the answer: according to Jesus, who is the standard by which we should compare ourselves to judge if we are good or not?



So, if you compare yourself to God (since He is the standard), do you still believe you are a good person?

We need to realize that our good is not good enough, yet God still loves us and has provided "good news" for us.

God Time Day 3: We Are Not As Good As We Think We Are



Read Mark 10:19-21.  
<sup>19</sup> *You know the commandments: Do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not bear false witness; do not defraud; honor your father and mother."* <sup>20</sup> *[The man] said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these from my youth."* <sup>21</sup> *Looking at him, Jesus loved him and said to him, "You lack one thing: Go, sell all you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."*

In this conversation, Jesus lays out some basic expectations of goodness that everyone should follow. Based on the man's response, he would probably be considered a good person. But according to Jesus, there was still a problem.



What three things did Jesus ask the man to do in verse 21?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Now, read the man's response in Mark 10:22.  
*But he was dismayed by this demand, and he went away grieving, because he had many possessions.*

Underline the man's reaction.

This man was a great follower of the law, but his possessions were his god. Remember the First Commandment: *"Do not have other gods besides me."* (Exodus 20:3)

Many people can follow the rules, and Christians do not have a monopoly on acts of kindness, charity, and compassion. We might think, it would be so easy if God would simply give us a checklist of dos and don'ts.

But God is calling us to more than being a follower of rules. God asks us to follow Him by having a relationship with Him, allowing Him to guide, lead, and grow us into being His people.



When we surrender to God's will and allow Him to be Lord over our lives, we end up following the rules for the right reasons.

God Time Day 4: Hope for the "Not Good Enough"



For the past few days, we have been taking an honest look at the fact that none of us are good enough. If we are going to find a solution, we must fully understand the problem.



Read Romans 3:12.  
*All have turned away; all alike have become worthless. There is no one who does what is good, not even one.*

So, the problem is sin. The problem is that no one is good enough. No matter how nice of a person we are, and no matter how well we follow the rules, everyone has turned away from God at some point. So, what is the solution?



Read Romans 5:8.  
*But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Accepting the truth that we will never be good enough can make us feel helpless. AND THAT IS THE POINT. While we could never be good enough, God gave us Jesus to live the life we could not. Jesus was good enough for us all.

So, if Jesus saves us, what is asked of us?



Read Romans 10:9-10  
<sup>9</sup> *If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*  
<sup>10</sup> *One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation.*

The salvation we have in Jesus is a gift from God.

Accepting that gift takes two steps:

- 1) **Confession:** Admit your sin and failures to God, and publicly admit your relationship with God.
- 2) **Belief:** Trust that Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient and trust in God's will for your life.



Have you decided to accept the gift of salvation and follow Jesus? If not, you can watch this to find out more.



God Time Day 5: Don't Measure Up, Give Up



The story of Easter is not about cute bunnies, eggs, or decorated baskets. The Easter story is all about this truth:

We are all sinners and incapable of saving ourselves. So, God sent Jesus to live the life we could not. He died on the cross and rose from the grave defeating death. And if we trust Him, put all our faith in Him, He gives us a new life.

A struggle many people have with the gift of salvation is that it seems too easy. We want God to give us a to-do list so that we can earn our salvation – because that allows us to feel in control. But let's be honest, when we are in control, we tend to make a mess of things.

God asks us to do just one thing: Surrender control to Him.



Read Proverbs 3:5-6.  
<sup>5</sup> *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding;* <sup>6</sup> *in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight.*

When we surrender to God, we give up trying to be good enough, we give up trying to be in control, and we give up living our lives in the ways that have led us into sin. When we give up, we surrender to God's will for our lives and trust Him to lead us into new life.



Write down two areas in your life where you struggle to surrender total control to God.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

If you have asked Jesus to be Lord of your life, write down two things God is asking you to do in obedience to His will.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

If you have not asked Jesus to be Lord of your life, watch this three-minute video.



What is God asking you to surrender?

