

Images of God



The Grumpy God: Cranky, Angry, & Upset about everything.

Crouching Tiger God: Just waiting to pounce on you!





Flaky Father God: moody and changes his mind about you continually

Cosmic Cop God: whose only purpose it to enforce the rules



Images of God

Dictator God: Always demanding more and more

Santa Claus God: making a list and checking... naughty or nice



Mr. Potato Head God: Some assembly required



Who is Important!

Until You Know Who You are Talking Too you don't know.....

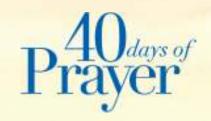
What to talk about

What tone of voice to use

What words are appropriate

How to address them properly

What you think about someone determines how you talk to them



SAME WAY Your understanding of what God is really like shapes everything else in your life, including how you pray!

So what is God really like?





The Goodness of God

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

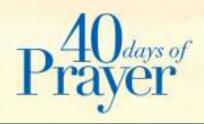
Psalm 100:5

The reason there is good in the world – Good Creator God is the source of all Good in the World

Can't spell Good with out God

The reason... evil.. God doesn't force us to do good!

IF God is not a good God ... zero reason to pray!





God has A Plan (Jeremiah 29:11-12)

God's Plan is all inclusive (Psalm 31:19)

God's Goodness works behind the scenes (Romans 8:28)

When we hit the problem we are just giving God's goodness a chance to shine (Romans 5:3)

God Always Gives Me What I Need not What I Deserve

He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:10-12



The Goodness of God

God is not fair he is generous

God is not seeking to condemn you and send you to hell

If that is the message you got from A church or a preacher in the past... All I can offer is my apologies... they were and are WRONG

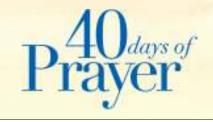
What God does Desire

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity



Mercy
Unfailing Love
Great Compassion
Wash away





God does not quit on his goodness

Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me. Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations. I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. and cleanse me from my sin.

Psalm 27:10-13
Prayer

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God Put My Good Above His Good

Jesus Called Himself the Good Shepherd (John 10:14-15)

His goodness became our goodness (2 Corinthians 5:21)

God wants to give us good grace (Romans 8:32)

He Does Not Say Yes to Every Request

You know a lot of times what you pray for doesn't happen!

No parent gives a child everything they ask for

Sometimes what we ask for does not make sense (Matthew 20:22)

It could be we are not ready for it

Could be it will be harmful

Could be it lure us away



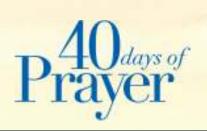
Not Part of the Plan

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

2 Corinthians 12:8-9

Prayer is not a painkiller or a pill

ACCEPT a NO, SLOW, GROW, or GO answer because I know that God is a Good Father



God sees things differently than we do

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Isaiah 55:8-9



He Invites Us to Live with Him Forever

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17



God is good all the time and all the time God is good.

