

# *Good Times* - Appreciating & Benefitting from the Goodness God Gives



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## I. All Good Things...

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## II. The Source of Goodness

James 1:16-18

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## III. Our Response to Goodness

Deuteronomy 8:11-14

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## IV. Letting the Good Times Roll

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## **Personal Reflection**

Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:

*It is likely that there are things upcoming in your life to which you are looking forward in positive anticipation—a special event or activity, a new music or film release from a favorite artist, or a few days of much-needed vacation. For most people, the anticipation of good times is what makes the less-than-good times more bearable. Good times are an important part of life. They are a means through which the provision and generosity of God can rightly remind people of His grace and love.*

*The good gifts God gives are meant to be enjoyed and appreciated. While His plans for your life go well beyond the goal of making you happy, He nevertheless wants you to know goodness and experience joy as He teaches and matures you day-by-day. Your capacity to know good times and pleasure in the virtuous joys of life is because of His planning and design. God's goodness enriches the gift of life and draws people into His care.*

*Are you presently able to see the good gifts from God in your life? What is your response to those good times—haughty entitlement or humble thanksgiving? When you are in the midst of happiness and comfort, are you careful to remember and thank the One from whom all blessings flow?*

*Prayerfully reflect upon the goodness in your life. Take account of the people, experiences, material things, etc. that enhance your days and excite your expectation of what is to come. Consider how different your life would be if the Lord had withheld those blessings. Voice your thankfulness and gratitude to God for the goodness He has given and continues to shower upon you. Let your thanksgiving become cause for praise and celebration. Share your testimony of God's goodness with the world so that others can see, know, and remember that all good things come from Him.*