

Scripture Reading

- Romans 12:17-21

- Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

¹⁸ If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

¹⁹ Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance *is* Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰ Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



Seeing the Good In Everything

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Workers continue to suffer from devastating job losses and reduced hours during coronavirus pandemic

Newsletter | Podcast | Q&A | We want to hear about those you've lost

LIVE UPDATES 18-year-old who had coronavirus warns others

New data: Nearly a third of Americans didn't pay rent this month

LIVE MARKET UPDATES Investors shrug off jobless claims

Only one Covid-19 death: See how country did it ▶

Relief: Fed unleashes another \$2.3 trillion to support economy

WHO chief: See his response to Trump's threat ▶

FACT CHECK

Trump offers two dangerous falsehoods in a largely straightforward briefing

Analysis: Trump is missing his biggest asset in his bid for reelection

See new press secretary's shocking and false claims about Trump ▶

Sailor from USS Teddy Roosevelt found unconscious, transferred to intensive care

Analysis: What Fox News' silence about 'Diamond & Silk' says about the network

Watch Trump's reaction to Sanders ending presidential campaign ▶

Biden campaign braces for general election: 'This is the beginning of a very difficult race'

Study: New York's coronavirus outbreak came from Europe and other parts of US

Coronavirus chaos spares no one: These are the human stories of the pandemic

Religious leader: People are burying their family members as if they're radioactive ▶

Analysis: What new predictions mean for the next few months

NYT: 86-year-old who broke social distancing space in ER died after being shoved

'Yikes!' Amanpour reacts to Fox News montage about virus ▶

Opinion: This Wisconsin voter was furious, so she made this sign

Boris Johnson's condition is 'improving' after third night in intensive care

Trash collectors overwhelmed by rising amount of household waste

HOW TO: Talk to kids about coronavirus | Give help and get help | Make your own face mask | Create a routine | Stay safe if you must fly | Get fit |

Impacts of the pandemic



Seeing the Good

- Employment
- 105 miles closer
- Small work force
- Clean new building
- Flexible schedule
- No hard hat or steel toe boots
- Free coffee ...
- Work around my schedule
- Sometimes I overlook these and complain about trivial items: Who made this coffee? Traffic was bad? That's not my area? I have a travel for what?

Seeing the Good in People

- The Lost Son
- Luke 15:20-24²⁰ “And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’²² “But the father said to his servants, [c] ‘Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet. ²³And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry; ²⁴for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.
- How many of us compliment each other?
- How about your family? Your spouse? Cooking, cleaning not dwelling on all the things that didn’t get accomplished...
- Take it for granted that things will be the same as the always are but never notice what is happening behind the scenes..

Seeing the Good in God's Physical Blessings

- The [United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization](#) (FAO) estimates that about 815 million people of the 7.6 billion people in the world, or 10.7%, were suffering from chronic undernourishment in 2016. Almost all the hungry people live in lower-middle-income countries.
- Running water
- Warm and Cool environments
- Health
- Safety
- **2 Kings 6:24-31**²⁴ And it happened after this that Ben-Hadad king of Syria gathered all his army, and went up and besieged Samaria. ²⁵ And there was a great famine in Samaria; and indeed they besieged it until a donkey's head was *sold* for eighty *shekels* of silver, and one-fourth of a [\[a\]](#)kab of dove droppings for five *shekels* of silver.²⁶ Then, as the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried out to him, saying, "Help, my lord, O king!"²⁷ And he said, "If the LORD does not help you, where can I find help for you? From the threshing floor or from the winepress?" ²⁸ Then the king said to her, "What is troubling you?" And she answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.' ²⁹ So we boiled my son, and ate him. And I said to her on the next day, 'Give your son, that we may eat him'; but she has hidden her son."³⁰ Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he tore his clothes; and as he passed by on the wall, the people looked, and there underneath *he had* sackcloth on his body. ³¹ Then he said, "God do so to me and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat remains on him today!"

Seeing the Good in God's Spiritual Blessings

- Lazyboy effect
- Ephesians 1:6 - to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He ^[a]made us accepted in the Beloved.
- Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace
- Ephesians 1:9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,
- Ephesians 1:11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will
- Ephesians 1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise
- Ephesians 1:15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,

Seeing the Good Brothers and Sisters in Christ

- 1 Thessalonians 5: 9-15⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.¹¹ Therefore [a]comfort each other and [b]edify one another, just as you also are doing.¹² And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and [c]admonish you,¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.¹⁴ Now we [d]exhort you, brethren, warn those who are [e]unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.¹⁵ See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.
- Do you thank those who prepare the Lord's Supper, mow the lawn, remove the garbage, teach the class?
- Do you acknowledge those who come out and serve the Lord when we know it extremely difficult for them to make services?
- ³⁸ Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been *dead* four days."⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ Then they took away the stone [a]from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up *His* eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴² And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said *this*, that they may believe that You sent Me." ⁴³ Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" ⁴⁴ And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."
- The Widow's Two Mites
- Mark 12:41-44
- ⁴¹ Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many *who were* rich put in much. ⁴² Then one poor widow came and threw in two [a]mites, which make a [b]quadrans. ⁴³ So He called His disciples to *Himself* and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; ⁴⁴ for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."





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Seeing the Good in You

- Matthew 5:13-14¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.”¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.”¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house.¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
- You might be the only Christian in your family . . . or the only Christian in your workplace . . . or the only Christian in your classroom . . . or the only Christian in your town .
- God has the ability to do a lot with very little.
- “Once I did bad, and that I heard over. / Twice I did good, but that I heard never”
- Don’t compare yourself to others, sometimes we may think we are more important because of the extra attention we get from people.
- 2 Corinthians 10:12 For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

Seeing the Good in You



- “Few will have the greatness to bend history itself, but each of us can work to change a small portion of events. It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.”

— Robert F. Kennedy

- **Titus 2:7-8** In all things showing yourself *to be* a pattern of good works; in doctrine *showing* integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,^[a] ⁸ sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of ^[b]you.

*When you choose to see the
good in others, you end up
finding the good in yourself.*

--Unknown