

April 1

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that God is already good and doesn't have to prove it? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one who will be perfect and complete no matter what? Do I recognize that I must respond to evil with good? Do I understand that I am diminished in strength and my faith is compromised if I respond to evil with evil?

1 **The Lord is good** — *Psalm 135:3 Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.*

When I read that God is good, what things does it cause me to think of?

What examples of God's goodness can I praise Him for?

2 **I am guaranteed that God will make me perfect in every good work** — *Hebrews 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will....*

What areas of my life need to be perfected? Where do I need to grow up?

Why does the devil want me to think that I can't be made right and complete?

3 **I am to pursue good works, good speech, good behavior and moral goodness** — *1 Thessalonians 5:15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.*

When have I reacted in an evil manner to another's actions against me?

When has someone done evil against me and I've responded with good?

Holy Spirit, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Luke 6:27-49

Evening: Judges 13, 14, 15