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"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High. It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning, your faithfulness in the evening" Psalm 92:1-2 (NLT)

"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus"

I Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT)

"... if you are feeling good, you should sing praises." James 5;13b (CEV)

BIG IDEA/ WISDOM KEY

When things are going well, we should be in a state of continual Praise to God

WHAT TO DO WHEN TIMES ARE GOOD ... (Psalm 145)

1. WHEN LIFE IS GOOD, PRAISE GOD! (vs. 1-2)

"I will exalt you, my God and King, and praise Your name forever and ever. I will praise You every day; yes, I will praise You forever" Psalm 145:1-2 (NLT)

"All of your works will thank you, Lord, and your faithful followers will praise you." Psalm 145:10 (NLT)

2. WHEN LIFE IS GOOD, PRAISE GOD FOR <u>HIS GREATNESS</u> (vs. 3-6)

<u>"Great</u> is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure His <u>greatness</u>. Let each generation tell its children of your <u>mighty acts</u>; let them proclaim <u>your power</u>. I will meditate on your <u>majestic</u>, glorious <u>splendor and your wonderful miracles</u>. Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue; I will proclaim your greatness." Psalm 145:3-6 (NLT)

"They will speak of the glory of your kingdom; they will give examples of your power. They will tell about your <u>mighty deeds</u> and about the <u>majesty and glory of your reign</u>. For your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. You rule throughout all generations. The Lord always keeps His promises; He is gracious in all He does." Psalm 145:11-13 (NLT)

3. WHEN LIFE IS GOOD, PRAISE GOD FOR <u>HIS GOODNESS</u> (vs. 7-9)

"Everyone will share the <u>story of your wonderful goodness;</u> they will sing with joy about your righteousness. 8 The <u>Lord is merciful and compassionate</u>, <u>slow to get angry</u> and filled with <u>unfailing love</u>. 9 The Lord is <u>good to everyone</u>. He showers compassion on all His creation."

Psalm 145:7-9 (NLT)

"The Lord helps the fallen and lifts those bent beneath their loads.15
The eyes of all look to you in hope; you give them their food as they need it. 16 When you open your hand, you satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. 17 The Lord is righteous in everything He does; He is filled with kindness. 18 The Lord is close to all who call on Him, yes, to all who call on Him in truth. 19 He grants the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cries for help and rescues them. 20 The Lord protects all those who love Him, but He destroys the wicked."

Psalm 145:14-20 (NLT)