

Responses to God's goodness

I. From unbelievers

- A. Suppress the truth of God's goodness
Suppress – to hold it back; to hinder it by sinful actions; disregard the knowledge of the truth God has graciously provided them-Romans 1:18-20
- B. Don't give thanks-Romans 1:21-23
- C. Exchange the truth of God's goodness for something false-Romans 1:25
- D. Turn from God's good design and do the opposite-Romans 1:26-32
- E. Take credit for it themselves-Daniel 4:28-31
- F. Show contempt for the riches of his kindness that's meant to lead them to repentance
Contempt – to treat with neglect; to pervert it; not use it for its intended purpose
Instead of coming to repentance they interpreted God's goodness as a sign that they were not sinners and didn't need to repent.-Romans 2:4
- G. Repent and believe-Acts 2:36-41

II. From believers

- A. Give thanks-Psalm 107:1
- B. Sing praise to God-Psalm 13:6; 2 Chronicles 5:13; Ezra 3:11; Psalm 135:3
- C. Confidence in God-Philippians 1:6
- D. Hope-Psalm 23:6; Psalm 27:13; Psalm 52:9
- E. Follow the Good Shepherd-John 10:14,27
- F. Crave God's Word-1 Peter 1:2
- G. Crave to know and be with Christ-Philippians 1:23; Philippians 3:7-8
- H. Tell others of God's goodness-Psalm 145:7
- I. Grant forgiveness to others-Genesis 50:18-21
- J. Cry for mercy-Psalm 69:16
- K. Submit to God in times of trouble-Job 2:10
- L. Seek forgiveness-Psalm 25:7; Psalm 86:5
- M. Reverence, obey, love and serve Him-Deuteronomy 10:12-13
- N. Take refuge in Him-Psalm 34:8; Nahum 1:7
- O. Cry for deliverance-Psalm 109:21
- P. Seek rest in Him-Psalm 116:7
- Q. Cry to know God's ways-Psalm 119:68
- R. Wait upon Him-Lamentations 3:25
- S. Respond positively to God's discipline-Hebrews 12:10
- T. Humble worship-2 Chronicles 7:3
- U. Learn and obey God's word-Psalm 119:67; Psalm 119:71
- V. Faith in Christ and love for His people-Colossians 1:3-5
- W. Pride-1 Timothy 6:17
- X. Envious of others-Psalm 73:2-3
- Y. Discouragement in God's good discipline-Hebrews 12:5-10
- Z. ETC.

In her book [Choosing Gratitude](#), Nancy Leigh DeMoss shares a pledge written by a Bible teacher named Russell Kelfer. He challenged believers to write these words on a sheet of paper, and sign their names, then make a habit of recommitting themselves to it on a regular basis:

Having been born into the kingdom of God, I do hereby acknowledge that God's purchase of my life included all the rights and control of that life for all eternity.

I do further acknowledge that He has not guaranteed me to be free from pain or to have success or prosperity. He has not guaranteed me perfect health. He has not guaranteed me perfect parents. He has not guaranteed me perfect children. He has not guaranteed me the absence of pressures, trials, misunderstandings, or persecution.

What He has promised me is eternal life. What He has promised me is abundant life. What He has promised me is love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, meekness, and self-control. He has given me all of Himself in exchange for the rights to my life...

Therefore I acknowledge this day the relinquishment of all my rights and expectations, and humbly ask Him by His grace to replace these with a grateful spirit, for whatever in His wisdom He deems to allow for my life.

In other words, this day—like every other day—belongs to God, not me. So, if God determines that I should spend time contending with a flat tire, an unpleasant confrontation, or even an unexpected trip to the emergency room, that's completely up to Him. He knows best. He's the master, I'm His servant. I have trusted Him with my eternal life, and I will trust Him with my life today.

Read more: <http://www.epm.org/blog/2014/Nov/24/choose-trust#ixzz3KJoV3tEG>