

{ Day 27 }

I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. **—Psalm 27:13-14**

In a Dennis the Menace cartoon, Dennis and his friend were walking out of Mrs. Wilson's house with cookies in both hands. Dennis's friend wondered what they had done to deserve the cookies. Dennis explained, "Mrs. Wilson doesn't give us cookies because we are nice. We get cookies because Mrs. Wilson is nice." It is God's goodness, not ours, that is the basis for blessing. Understanding this frees us to place our confidence and trust in God Himself instead of being forced to rely upon our own righteousness or upon whatever faith we can muster.

{ PRAYER STARTER }

God, You are a good God! Out of Your goodness You have blessed my life abundantly. I place my trust and confidence in Your goodness, and I commit to living my life in faithfulness to You.

We cannot twist God's arm or throw a temper tantrum to make Him give us what we want.