**NPBC Attributes of God Series – Lesson 4 – May 27, 2020**

Attribute – a quality or feature regarded as a characteristic or inherent part of someone or something,

God’s attributes help us understand Who God is. We will discover how His attributes uniquely define who He is. Look at His qualities, nature and character.

We will discuss

1. God is good
2. God is gracious
3. God is loving

**Good**

**Psalm 145:9**

The LORD is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made

**1 Chronicles 16:34**

O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His lovingkindness is everlasting

**Psalm 25:8**

Good and upright is the Lord

**Psalm 34:8**

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him!

1. Define good. In what ways do you recognize that God is good?
2. Does your experience of God as good change depending on a situation?
3. How has God shown compassion throughout creation?
4. Every aspect of God is good (actions, speech, love, ways, etc.). How does knowing this cause you to see God differently?
5. How are we able to “taste and see” God’s goodness?

**Gracious**

**Psalm 103:8**

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

**Psalm 116:5**

The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

**Psalm 145:8**

The LORD is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.

**Ephesians 2:8**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not form yourselves, it is the gift of God

1. Define gracious.
2. Compare grace and mercy.
3. What are believers saved from because of God’s grace?
4. What is the difference between God’s common grace and His saving grace?

**Loving**

**1 John 3:1**

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

**John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes on Him will not perish but have everlasting life.

**1 John 4:7-8**

Beloved, let us love on another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1. Define loving.
2. How do we show God’s love to believers and unbelievers? How far does God’s love stretch?
3. What is God’s love based on? In what ways is God’s love active?

Find other scriptures that minister to you about God’s good, gracious and loving. Share how these scriptures ministers to you.

How can you use these attributes in your daily prayer time?