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**Psalm 145:7, 16** They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your right-eousness. ... You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

**Deuteronomy 8:17-18** You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth ...

Titus 3:6 This is the Spirit He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior

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What do theses passages teach us about:

Who God the Father is?

How God the Father gives?

Why we can trust God with our needs?

## **Prayer Practice:**

- 1. Take three minutes to make a list of the needs in your life (don't hold back, list them all).
- 2. Pause and meditate on Jesus' words about the Father's goodness and generosity in Matthew 7:9-11.
- 3. Spend 5 minutes praying through those needs asking God to fulfill them.

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