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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Ps. 145:13-14 *Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all He promises and faithful in all He does. The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.* (NIV)

This psalm written by David is twenty-one verses of praise. Over and over again, David proclaims his praise for the God Who is King. In fact, in verse one, he states that he will praise the LORD's name for ever and ever. This gave me pause to think about influences. These can be both good and bad. I think we all know that we have had some people in our lives that have been bad influences. Their hearts and minds are set on themselves and upon the passions of this world. They desire to coerce us to join in with them. The book of Proverbs shares over and over the results that giving in to people like this will bring into our lives. It is not good. In fact, **1 Cor. 15:33** reminds us: *Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."* (NIV)

Conversely, when we continually live in an attitude of praise, we can have significant and spiritual influence upon the people around us. Because the LORD deserves to be continually glorified, we should be walking in His light and His life continuously. Jesus put it this way in **Matt. 5:16** *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.* (NIV) The LORD is trustworthy and faithful. What He says He will do; He will always do. This should lift our spirits and cause us to walk in the light as He is in the light. He deserves all of our praise and all of the glory!

Dear LORD, You deserve all of the praise that we can give and even more. Let all the earth bring You praise and glorify Your Holy Name. You are our great God and King. We exalt You above all. In Jesus Name, Amen