



Fruit of the Spirit

Part 6: Goodness

Galatians 5:16-17,22-23

5 ¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. (NIV 84)

How are kindness and goodness similar? Different?

Goodness - (agathōsynē)

"The deliberate preference of right to wrong, the firm and persistent resistance of all moral evil, and the choosing and following of all moral good." Easton's Bible Dictionary

WHERE DOES GOODNESS COME FROM? **GOD ALONE**

Jesus answered. "No one is good, except God alone." Mark 10:18

The Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.

Exodus 34:6-7

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:17

I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

(mišpāt)- Justice (right / wrong)

Ezekiel 36:27

WHAT DOES GOODNESS LOOK LIKE IN OUR LIVES?

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:8-10

HOW HAS GOD PREPARED YOU FOR GOOD WORKS?

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you.

Matt 28:19-20

WHERE IS YOUR MISSION FIELD?

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Hebrews 10:24

I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another.

Romans 15:14

HOW ARE YOU ENCOURAGING/INSTRUCTING OTHERS IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD?

Community Group Questions:

Use the four Scripture verses and questions on this page above for your discussion this week. If you would like to dive deeper, discuss how kindness and goodness can go together as well as how they are different. Which one is more difficult for you? Why?

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