



GOODNESS

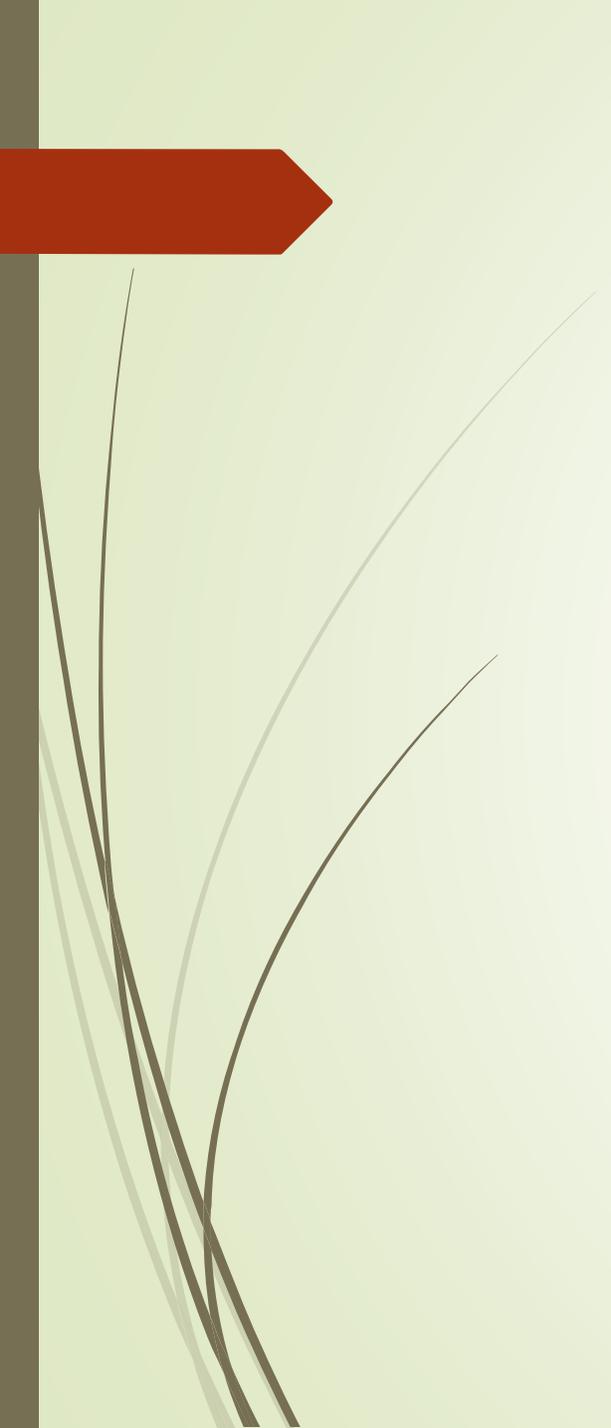
The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-24



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22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.



**THERE IS MORE
TO GOODNESS
THAN MEETS
THE EYE!**





Goodness can be defined as a “life which expresses itself in always doing what is in the best interest of others.

In man, it is not a mere passive quality, but 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.

**GOODNESS IS DOING THE RIGHT
THING FOR THE RIGHT REASON!**



WHAT IS GOODNESS?



Uprightness or Righteousness of the heart and life

Matthew 7:17-18 (NASB)

¹⁷ So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit.

¹⁸ A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.

Moral and Spiritual Excellence

Romans 12:20-21 (NASB)

²⁰ “BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



Why Goodness Is So Important.

We Were Created In Christ For Good Works

Ephesians 2:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.



We Are Called To Imitate What Is Good

3 John 11 (NASB)

¹¹ Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. The one who does good is of God; the one who does evil has not seen God.



We Are Called To Walk In A Manner Worthy Of The Lord

Colossians 1:10 (NASB)

**¹⁰ so that you will walk in a manner
worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all
respects, bearing fruit in every good
work and increasing in the knowledge
of God;**



Who Does God Consider Good?

God Is The Standard Of Goodness

Mark 10:18 (NASB)

¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.



The One Who Keeps God's Commandments Is Good

Matthew 19:16-17 (NASB)

¹⁶ And someone came to Him and said, "Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?" ¹⁷ And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is *only* One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments."



The One Who Uses His Talents To Glorify God Is Good

Matthew 25:21-23 (NASB)

²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

²² "Also the one who *had received* the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'



Let's Look At YOUR Goodness

Psalm 119:68 (NASB)

⁶⁸ You are good and do good; Teach me Your statutes.

Goodness Inside

Goodness Outside

Galatians 6:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.



CONCLUSION

**Is It Present And Growing In You?
Inside and Outside Of You**

Is There An Objective Standard?

We Find True Goodness In Christ

**We Are Not Good Enough On
Our Own!**