



The Fruit Of The Spirit – Week 6 ‘Goodness’

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
Galatians 5:22-23

There is only One who is **good** - Jesus (Matthew 19:17)

Goodness / Good In The Bible

Old Testament Verses: Psalms 33:5, 107:8; 23:6; Exodus 34:6

References: OT (502); NT (218)

Semantic Range: 82 Words For Good (OT: 39; NT:43)

Genesis 1-3 14x; *It was good. Tree of knowledge of Good & Evil*

Matthew (34x: Good fruit, work, gifts, way, cheer, comfort,
ground, seed, fellowship, master, servant)

Goodness as used in Galatians 5:22

ἀγαθωσύνη (ag-ath-o-soo'-nay)

Times in the NT: 4x (Gal.5:22, Rom.15:14; 2 Thes. 1:11; Eph.5:9)

Good Christian vs **Mature** Believer
Good Person vs **Transformed** Person

Ephesians 5: Journey To Godliness & Journey To Goodliness

The Evil, The Bad, The Darkness (Eph. 5: 3,4-6,12)

**For it is shameful even to speak of the things
which are done by them in secret. v.12**

How Do We Begin The Journey Toward Godliness and Goodliness?

**But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify
the desires of the flesh. Galatians 5:16**

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According to the Apostle Paul to the believers in Ephesus

1. Walk In Love
2. Walk As Children
3. Walk With Caution

Walk In Love: Do You Know The Love Of God? Walk In It

and walk in love, just as Christ also loved ^[a]you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God ^[b]as a fragrant aroma. (v.2)

Walk As Children: What Pleases The Lord?

Be imitators of God(v.1)

Learn what is pleasing to the Lord. (v.10)

Walk as children of Light (v.8,13-14)

Walk With Caution

Best use of our time

Understand the Lord's will

Be filled with the Holy Spirit

Live in Community

Life Group Thoughts & Discussion

Getting Past Good Enough

We all want to be good, but sometimes we're not.

What do we do when we fall short?

Discussion Questions:

1. When you think of a really good person, who comes to mind?

What is it about them that makes you say that?

2. Read Psalm 15 aloud, where David list some of the characteristics of someone who would be considered a good person, full of integrity.

- What does it mean to speak truth "from the heart?"

- Talk about a time when you kept an oath "even when it hurt"—or when you didn't and wish you had?

- What are some other ways we can "lend money without interest?"

3. When we're beyond our ability to truly do good, our only choice is to surrender.

We do that by: Admitting our inability, Confessing our unwillingness, Inviting the Holy Spirit to help

Which one of those steps is most difficult for you? Why?

4. Are you in a situation where someone has wronged you?

When it comes to that situation, what would "goodness" look like for you?

How do you need God's help? Have you been faithful to fulfill it?

Has God placed people around you to watch over? How can you remain faithful to walk with God as you walk with them in the days, months, and years ahead?

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