

The Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness

Part 1 of 2 - The Goodness of God

God's goodness is a central, unwavering theme throughout Scripture. Psalm 34:8 calls us, "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him." This invitation is not just to observe but to personally experience His goodness, which is not limited to His actions but rooted in His very nature.

Paul echoes this in Romans 2:4, saying, "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" Here we see that God's goodness draws us toward repentance and new life. It is His kindness that moves our hearts, leading us from darkness to light.

As we grow in our faith, we are called to reflect this goodness, allowing it to shape our actions toward others. Through kindness and compassion, we become living testimonies to God's love. May we embrace this calling, letting His goodness shine through us in all that we do.

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Part 2 of 2 - Doing Good to Others

Goodness in the life of a believer goes beyond moral uprightness; it's about actively seeking to do good for others. Galatians 6:10 reminds us, 'As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.' Our actions reflect the Spirit's work within us, revealing God's love through our deeds.

Jesus Christ calls us to this purpose in Matthew 5:16: 'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.' Our good deeds are a reflection of God's goodness and serve as a witness to the world of His love and grace.

We should make it our goal to look for opportunities to show kindness and grace, not for our own recognition, but to reveal God's love. In each act of kindness, may His light shine through us, bearing witness to His goodness in a world that deeply needs it.

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The Lord's goodness, steadfast and true,
Invites each heart to taste and see,
His mercy deep as morning's dew,
A gift that leads to purity.
His kindness calls from dark to light,
With gentle love, our guiding sight.

Our calling now, to do the same,
To serve with kindness, pure and clear.
Reflecting Christ, we bear His name,
In every act of love sincere.
Let goodness shine, a light to show,
God's grace through us, where'er we go.