

Fruit Of The Spirit – Goodness (Galatians 5:22-23)

I. The Goodness Of The Lord

1. God created what is good – Genesis 1:31
2. God is good – Psalm 86:5
3. God gives good things – Matthew 7:7, 11
4. God disciplines us for our good – Hebrews 12:10
5. God will complete his good work in us – Philippians 1:6
6. God works all things for good – Genesis 50:20-21, (Rm. 8:28)

II. The Badness Of The World – Are people basically good?

- Romans 1:32; 7:18-19; 8:1-2

Devotion: *Where are you not trusting in God's goodness or confusing evil for good? Pray and ask your Father the good things you need.*

III. The Good Doing Of Believers – Galatians 6:6-10

1. **Share the good things you have with one another**
– vv. 6-8

The Harvest Principle: “What you sow is what you reap.”
Therefore, sow to the Spirit and not to sinful desires.

- Galatians 5:16, 25

2. **Do not grow weary of being a good doer** – v. 9

- Luke 6:27-28, Romans 12:21

3. **Grasp The Opportunities In Front Of You To Work Good** – v. 10

Devotion: *What are you reaping in life right now? How can you sow to please the Spirit in a new way? Ask the Lord to give you an opportunity to be a good doer for someone's benefit.*

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Love – An unconditional love and affection that selflessly serves others for their good.

Opposite: Selfish affection or fear which results in abuse.

Counterfeit: Selfish affection where you love someone for what they give you physically or how they make you feel emotionally.

Joy – Taking a deep delight in God himself and satisfaction in your life regardless of outer circumstances.

Opposite: Hopelessness and despair in life

Counterfeit: Happiness or elation because of favorable circumstance that creates mood swings.

Peace – An inner stillness and confidence in God's wisdom and control in life, even when facing trouble.

Opposite: Anxiety and worry

Counterfeit: Apathy or not caring either way about something

Patience – The capacity to endure opposition or difficulty without overreacting because one trusts God to handle it.

Opposite: Resentment toward God or others which causes us to react to them.

Counterfeit: Holding them in contempt or just indifference

Kindness – A compassionate and humble attitude that graciously meets the needs of others. Having a deep inner security.

Opposite: Envy or resentment which leaves us with an uncaring attitude or one that leads us to treat others severely.

Counterfeit: Showing kindness to manipulate people for personal gain.

Goodness (i.e. integrity) – Zealously doing what is needed for the good of others. This even includes correcting someone, but with loving wisdom.

Opposite: Being truthful but not loving in our actions towards others.

Counterfeit: Doing good things to make ourselves look better and more acceptable to God.

Faithfulness – Being utterly reliable and true to our word because we are driven by principle. This produces loyal commitments.

Opposite: Commitments based only on immediate self-interests.

Counterfeit: Being loving but not truthful, because of an unwillingness to confront or challenge others.

Gentleness – The right use of power for the benefit of others. Not needing to force our way in life but using self-restraint.

Opposite: Self-centered use of power.

Counterfeit: Inferiority: self-absorption, self-consciousness

Self-Control – The power the Holy Spirit gives us to master godly things instead of giving into human impulses and desires that enslave us.

Opposite: Impulsive or uncontrolled reaction to things.

Counterfeit: Exercising our own willpower out of pride or the need to feel in control (Col. 2:23).