

Personal Application and Conversations

1. Who are some of the “good people” in your life?
2. How do you handle the command of Jesus, “Love your enemies, **do good** to them, and lend to them expecting nothing in return...because **He is kind** to the ungrateful and the wicked” (Luke 6:35-36)?
3. Jesus responded to a man who addressed Him as “Good teacher” (Mark 10:17, see vs 17-31 for the context) saying, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.” How is your walk in the Spirit helping you reach the “impossible” virtue of goodness?
4. Who would you like to think is seeing the goodness of Christ in you and why?



Reflecting the Goodness of Jesus

Galatians 5:22' 1 Peter 2:11-12

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What are your expectations when you pray, read the Bible, and worship with God's people? What makes those moments significant? What usually occupies your thoughts throughout the day, and how does that affect whether it was a good or not-so-good day? The Oxford Dictionary defines goodness as "moral excellence." How important is it to you that goodness characterizes you? I mean, do you really want to go there? **Goodness me!?** Well, it is important to the One who created us in Christ Jesus, that we do good works. And, such a life is a real thing for those who walk in the Spirit.

The fruit of the Spirit is...goodness – agathos:

The goodness of God sets our course

- ***Ex. 33:17-20***
- ***Ex. 34:6-7***
- ***Ps. 23:6***
- ***Ps. 25:8***
- ***Ps 27:13***
- ***Ps. 86:5***
- ***Mark 10:17-18, 19-23***

God expects us to reflect His goodness

- ***Matt. 5:14-16***
- ***Rom. 12:9, 21***
- ***Rom. 13:13 (NASB)***
- ***Eph. 2:10***

Walking in the Spirit we reflect the goodness of God (Gal. 5:16-22)

- ***John 5:19***
- ***Rom. 15:14***
- ***Heb. 10:24***
- ***Hebrews 12:10***
- ***1 Peter 2:11-12***
- ***John 15:8, 16-17***