

**The Fruit of the Spirit**  
**The Nine Biblical Attributes**  
**Sanctification (10 Lessons)**

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**A.THE TEXT**

**Theme Verse: (Galatians 5:22-25)**

**But the fruit of the Spirit is 1. love, 2. joy, 3. peace,**

**4. patience, 5. kindness, 6. goodness, 7. faithfulness, 8. gentleness,**  
**9. self-control; against such things there is no law.** And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.



**THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – 6. GOODNESS**

**(Exodus 33:17-23)** And the Lord said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." (18) Moses said, "Please show me your glory." (19) And he said, "I will make all my **goodness** pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. (20) But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." (21) And the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, (22) and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. (23) Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

**(1 Kings 8:66)** On the eighth day he sent the people away, and they blessed the king and went to their homes joyful and glad of heart for all the **goodness** that the Lord had shown to David his servant and to Israel his people.

**(2 Chronicles 6:41-42)** "And now arise, O Lord God, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might. Let your priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let your saints rejoice in your **goodness**. (42) O Lord God, do not turn away the face of your anointed one! Remember your steadfast love for David your servant."

**(Psalm 23:6)** Surely **goodness** and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**(Psalm 25:6-7)** Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. (7) Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your **goodness**, O Lord!

**(Psalm 27:13-14)** I believe that I shall look upon the **goodness** of the Lord in the land of the living! (14) Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

**(Psalm 31:19)** Oh, how abundant is your **goodness**, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!

**(Psalm 65:4)** Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the **goodness** of your house, the holiness of your temple!

**(Psalm 68:9-10)** Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished; (10) your flock found a dwelling in it; in your **goodness**, O God, you provided for the needy.

**(Psalm 145:7-9)** They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant **goodness** and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. (8) The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (9) The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**(Isaiah 63:7)** I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great **goodness** to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

**(Jeremiah 31:12-14)** They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the **goodness** of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more. (13) Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. (14) I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my **goodness**, declares the Lord."

**(Hosea 3:5)** Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the Lord and to his **goodness** in the latter days.

**(Romans 15:10-14)** And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." (11) And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." (12) And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." (13) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (14) I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of **goodness**, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.

**(Titus 3:4-7)** But when the **goodness** and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, (5) he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, (6) whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, (7) so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**(Philemon 1:10-14)** I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (11) (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) (12) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. (13) I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, (14) but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your **goodness** might not be by compulsion but of your own free will.

**(Hebrews 6:4-6)** (4) For it is impossible to restore again to repentance those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, (5) and have tasted the **goodness** of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, (6) if they then fall away, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.

## B. THE STUDY NOTES

**Goodness = agathosune = ἀγαθωσύνη**

**Definition:** Intrinsic goodness, especially as a personal quality, with stress on the kindly side of goodness. Inherently good, especially as a unique quality as relating to believers. The goodness that comes from God and showing itself in spiritual, moral excellence and virtue. Uprightness of heart and life, kindness, beneficence.

**Illustration:** "Often I have heard people say, "How good God is! We prayed that it would not rain for our church picnic, and look at the lovely weather!" Yes, God is good when He sends good weather. But God was also good when He allowed my sister, Betsie, to starve to death before my eyes in a German concentration camp. I remember one occasion when I was very discouraged there. Everything around us was dark, and there was darkness in my heart. I remember telling Betsie that I thought God had forgotten us. "No, Corrie," said Betsie, "He has not forgotten us. Remember His Word: 'For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.'" Corrie concludes, "There is an ocean of God's love available--there is plenty for everyone. May God grant you never to doubt that victorious love - whatever the circumstances." [Corrie Ten Boom](#).

## C. THE LIFE APPLICATION

1. Where do we see the opposite of goodness in the world, that is wickedness?
2. How can you focus your life instead on God's goodness in Christ Jesus?
3. When can we exhibit goodness towards others?