

CULTIVATING *Character*

Message 6 Goodness

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Outline

► *But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, **goodness**...* **Galatians 5:22 (NLT)**

Goodness = Gk. *agathōsunē*;

_____ **excellence** _____ **others.**

... Follow only what is good. Remember that those who do good prove that they are God's children, and those who do evil prove that they do not know God. **3 John 11 (NLT)**

Goodness is ...

1. Defined by _____.
(Psalm 25:8; 119:68; Micah 6:8; Mark 10:18)

2. Demonstrates my _____.
(Matthew 7:17; Luke 6:45; Romans 12:2; Colossians 1:9-10)

3. Displayed in my _____.
(Romans 2:6-9; Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:14; 3 John 11)

Answers: moral, benefitting **1.** God **2.** salvation **3.** actions

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. Carve out time to reflect, learn and talk with God. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starters

When you think about God, what are the first words that come to mind?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

1. Describe the impossible situations people were experiencing in [Psalm 107:1-15](#). What are some ways God showed His goodness? Can you relate to any of this? *Explain...*
2. The Bible declares that *God is good* (or some form of that phrase) several hundred times (see [Psalm 34:8](#); [145:7-9](#); [Hosea 3:5](#); [Acts 14:16-17](#)). What does it mean that *God is good*?
3. Have you ever doubted God's goodness? Maybe you believed God was holding out on you, that you were missing out on something. What was that like? How do you usually respond in times like that? How does God want you to respond?
4. How would your life be different if you were totally convinced – to the core of your being – *God is good* and *He is for you*?
5. Summarize the truth of [Luke 6:43-45](#) (see also [1 Peter 2:9](#)).
6. What do these passages teach us about *doing good* to others?
 - a. [Luke 6:35-36](#)
 - b. [2 Corinthians 9:6-10](#)
 - c. [Galatians 6:7-10](#)

In [Galatians 5:25 \(NIV\)](#), the Apostle Paul says, *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

7. What does it look like when you *keep in step with the Spirit*?
8. Describe a time you were **not** *in step with the Spirit*. What was the result?
9. What practices will help you keep more *in step with the Spirit*?

For additional Bible Study tools, guides and devotionals, check out biblegateway.com, bible.com, youversion.com and blueletterbible.org.

Soul Training

Finish this sentence in several ways, then reflect on these truths throughout the week.

I know I can trust in the goodness of God because _____.

Memory Verse

... *Follow only what is good. Remember that those who do good prove that they are God's children, and those who do evil prove that they do not know God.*

[3 John 11 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

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| Day 1: Psalm 107:1-15 | Day 4: Proverbs 3:27-28 |
| Day 2: Luke 6:43-45 | Day 5: Psalm 119:33-40 |
| Day 3: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 | |

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, May 20, we'll continue our series *Cultivating Character* with a closer look at FAITHFULNESS. To prepare for the message, read [Psalm 89:1-8](#).

If you've never experienced God's forgiveness and grace, we'd love the opportunity to talk with you about a life-changing relationship with Jesus. Email mark.taylor@brookwoodchurch.org or call [864.688.8211](tel:864.688.8211).



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