
Goodness

- Goodness isn't earned by human effort; it flows from God's Nature
 - Luke 18:19
 - Luke 18:20-23
 - We often resist true goodness because it requires us to let go of things that stand in our way of having a more intimate relationship with God.
 - Jesus calls us not just to do good, but to be good, by walking with Him.
 - Goodness is radical obedience that reflects the heart of God.
- To do good to all as we have opportunity
 - Galatians 6:10
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:15
- What are these good works to consist of?
 - Doing good involves distributing and communicating.
 - 1 Timothy 6:18
 - To be involved in good works we must be willing to give of our time and share our bounty.
 - In doing good we must obey the laws of the land.
 - Titus 3:1
 - Today many are ignoring this good work.
 - In doing good we must be sound in doctrine and speech.
 - Titus 2:7-8
 - I wish the denominational world and our liberal brethren would understand this.
 - Paul said ... Titus 2:1
 - Doing good involves helping the needy.
 - Ephesians 4:28
 - Helping needy Christians and alien sinners is a good work we all must be involved in.

- How often should we be involved in doing good?
 - Jesus says we are to “bear much fruit” (John 15:8)
 - Paul says ... be “fruitful in every good work” (Colossians 1:10).
 - Paul wrote that “continuance in well doing” is a must for those who are seeking eternal life (Romans 2:7).
 - We are told to be “rich in good works” (1 Tim 6:18).
 - We are also to “learn to maintain good works” (Tit. 3:14)
 - Thus, we are to maintain continual fruit bearing, being full and overflowing in doing good.
 - Remember, only the unfaithful retire from doing good!
- How are good works to be done?
 - Good works are to be done with all of our hearts.
 - 2 Chronicles 31:20-21
 - Good works can only be done through action – not mere words.
 - 1 John 3:17-18
 - Good can not be done with mere lip service
 - Good must be done with patience.
 - Romans 2:7
 - It is not always easy to be involved in good works, but doing good we must!
 - Good works must be done with great eagerness.
 - Titus 2:14
 - Every Christian must have an intense desire to do good.
 - Good works must be done without weariness.
 - Galatians 6:9
 - 1 Corinthians 15:58
 - Good works must be done according to truth.

- Colossians 3:17
- Good works will not be profitable if they are not done according to God's will.
- CONCLUSION:
 - Our great example ... Jesus
 - Mark 1:40-45
 - Jesus shows gentleness and kindness in how he moves with compassion to help him
 - Jesus shows goodness by acting with moral courage
 - He went against all social norms and religious customs
 - Goodness is about surrendering to God's will.
 - Be the person who reflects God's goodness in a world full of brokenness.