



WEEK 7 • GROWING IN GOODNESS

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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, **goodness**, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22,23a

...Jesus of Nazareth, who went about **doing good**. Acts 10:38 KJV

Three aspects of goodness:

- _____
- _____
- _____

1. _____ **good: Goodness** _____

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites!
... You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful **on the outside** but **on the inside** are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, **on the outside** you appear to people as righteous but **on the inside** you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness. Matthew 23:27,28 NIV

Integrity: The state of being _____, _____

2. _____ **good: Goodness** _____

(See Matthew 25:31-44; 7:22)

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God **prepared beforehand**, that we should **walk** in them. Ephesians 2:10 ESV

• Doing good _____

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...is well known for her **good deeds**, such as **bringing up children**... 1 Timothy 5:10 NIV

• Doing good _____

(Jesus) "...so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." Matthew 5:45 ESV

Let us **not become weary in doing good**, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9 NIV

3. _____ **good: Goodness** _____

My _____ and my _____ grow in proportion to my _____ about God's goodness to me

(Jesus) "A **good man** brings forth **good things** out of the **good stored up in his heart**." Luke 6:45a NIV

And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith **as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ**. Philemon 1:6 NLT

You **are** good, and what you do is good. Psalm 119:68 NIV

TAKING IT HOME

Take time today to meditate on how has God been good to you. One day this week, keep a record of all the specific ways God is being good to you!

One day this week, keep your eyes open for all the ways you can be good to others (not to feed your ego, but as an exercise to show how often we have such opportunities!).

If you haven't yet, choose a "Non-Random Act of Kindness" opportunity!

RESOURCES USED IN PREPARATION OF THIS MESSAGE

- Jerry Bridges, *The Fruitful Life*
- David Jeremiah, *A Life Beyond Amazing*
- Christopher H. Wright, *Cultivating the Fruit of the Holy Spirit*

NON-RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

SECOND HARVEST FOOD DRIVE

Help us reach one million pounds this year! Get an envelope at the info desk, bring food to the bins in the lobby, or give online at www.thefoodbank.org/tlc. If you manage a business and would like food drive mini-barrels at your workplace, you can pick those up at the tables in the lobby. Note: The most cost-effective way to help is through cash donations, because of Second Harvest's buying power.

WINTER SHELTER DINNERS

Help serve dinner to those staying in the Winter Shelter on 7th Ave. TLC will "adopt" the shelter for 3 weeks. We need volunteers for 21 different nights! Dates to be announced, but you can sign up today in the lobby or by emailing robin@tlc.org

PORTABLE SHOWERS FOR HOMELESS

Once a month on Saturday afternoons, help monitor the portable showers made available to the homeless in our area. Showers are set up at Resurrection Church in Aptos. We also need vehicles that can tow the showers from Soquel to Aptos. Sign up today in the lobby or by emailing robin@tlc.org

LOADS OF LOVE

Drive the LoLo van (with 2 washers and 2 dryers) to a location homeless folks frequent, and help them do their laundry. While you wait, enjoy talking with the clients. Sign up today in the lobby or by emailing robin@tlc.org

KINDNESS GRANTS

If your home group has an "act of kindness" idea but no funds to pursue it, e-mail robin@tlc.org to apply for a small "kindness grant". Specify the project and budget.