



# *You Can't Spell Good Without God:*

## **What Does The Bible Say About Goodness?**

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Introduction: There is a difference between the words “good” and “kind.” The word “good” is first spoken by God in the creation account (**Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31, 2:9, 17, 18**). But notice how God uses the word “kind” in the creation account (**Genesis 1: 11, 12, 21, 24, 25**). That theme continues in **Genesis 6:20, 7:14**. To be “good” is to be virtuous or righteous. However, to be “kind” is to be benevolent towards other humans. In order to have “goodness” we must start by mastering “kindness” (**Galatians 5:22-23**). How can we show goodness? Not without seeing God first! Let's study together...

#### Discussion:

#### *I. Goodness Is Exemplified in God's Spirit*

- \* Goodness is part of His nature.  
**I Corinthians 1:18-21, Psalm 100:5, Psalm 136:1**
- \* Goodness is seen in His creation.  
**Psalm 19:1, Psalm 33:4-6, Psalm 148:1-5**
- \* Goodness is obvious from His salvation.  
**Titus 3:4-5, Romans 8:28, Romans 1:16**
- \* Goodness is evident from His blessings.  
**Psalm 135:3, Psalm 135:5-6, Proverbs 30:7-9**

#### *II. Goodness Is Embodied in God's Son*

- \* Goodness is seen in His life.  
**John 1:14, I Thessalonians 1:11-12**
- \* Goodness is seen in His sacrifice.  
**Romans 5:8, John 3:16, Luke 19:10**
- \* Goodness is seen in His wisdom.  
**Romans 11:22, I Corinthians 1:30, Mark 10:18**
- \* Goodness is seen in His gifts.  
**Psalm 84:11, I Corinthians 4:7, James 1:17, Ephesians 1:3**

#### *III. Goodness Is Encouraged By God's People*

- \* God's goodness flows from His children.  
**II Thessalonians 1:11-12, Galatians 5:22-23, I Timothy 1:18-19**
- \* God's goodness is on the lips of His children.  
**Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, I Thessalonians 3:6**
- \* God's goodness is on the hearts of His children.  
**Acts 4:9, Acts 6:3, Acts 9:36, Acts 11:24, Acts 22:12**
- \* God's goodness is in the hands of His children.  
**John 15:1-8, Colossians 1:10, Ephesians 5:8-9, II Corinthians 9:10-11**

Conclusion: If you keep studying goodness, it will be a “fruitful” study! We need to re-evaluate what we are doing, why we are doing it, and how it is improving our life. Are you sharing the good news? Are you ready to show the goodness of God to others? Are you bearing good fruit?