



The Fruit of the Spirit #6 = Goodness

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Introduction: Paul boldly urges the churches of Galatia to walk by the Spirit. He warns them about the works of the flesh and then identifies the fruit of the Spirit. Let's consider some things about goodness. . . .

Discussion:

I. The Spirit of God is Good

Titus 3:4-5 says, "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 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." (ESV)

- * We Know God's Spirit is Good Because of His Nature
- * We Know God's Spirit is Good Because of His Creation
- * We Know God's Spirit is Good Because of His Generosity

II. The Spirit of God's Son is Good

Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (NKJV)

- * We Know God's Son is Good Because of His Sacrifice
- * We Know God's Son is Good Because of His Wisdom
- * We Know God's Son is Good Because of His Blessings

III. The Spirit of God's Children Should Be Good

II Thessalonians 1:11-12 says, "Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." (NKJV)

- * The Message of God's Children Proves They Are Good
- * The Lifestyle of God's Children Proves They Are Good
- * The Works of God's Children Proves They Are Good

IV. God Has Expectations for His Children

Ephesians 5:8-9 says, "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord." (NIV)

- * God Expects Us To Give Good Gifts
- * God Expects Us To Focus on Good Things
- * God Expects Us To Be Living Examples of the Good News

Conclusion: We need to re-evaluate what we are doing, why we are doing it, and how it is improving our life. Paul hopes that we will live in the Spirit and walk in the Spirit! It's time to bear fruit! Are you ready to obey God's will? Are you ready to show goodness?

WORD OF THE DAY = "GOODNESS"