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FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

GOODNESS

WHAT IS GOODNESS?

- The beneficial part of something
- The quality or state of being good
 - Of a favorable character or tendency
 - Something that can be relied on

DO WE NEED GOODNESS?

- It is a fruit of the Spirit Gal 5:22-23
- Paul commands the rich to do good 1 Tim 6:17-19
- Dorcas was characterized for the good she did Acts 9:36-42

DIFFERENT TYPES OF GOODNESS

- Being Beneficial
- Being a favorable Christian
- Being a reliable Christian
- God's Goodness

BEING BENEFICIAL

- What is this type of goodness?
 - Building each other up Romans 15:1-3
 - Seeking the good of others 1 Cor 10:23-24
- Examples:
 - The Corinthians readiness to give 2 Cor 9:1-2
- Contrast:
 - The Corinthians boasting 1 Cor 5:4-6
 - Those who have fallen away Heb 6:4-8

BEING A FAVORABLE CHRISTIAN

- What is this type of goodness?
 - Doing good to others 1 Peter 2:11-12, 3:14-17
 - Be known for it Phile 1:13-16
- Examples:
 - The seven men Acts 6:1-6
 - Young men Titus 2:6-8
- Contrast:
 - Bad company 1 Cor 15:33-34

BEING A RELIABLE CHRISTIAN

- What is this type of goodness?
 - Being ready for good works 2 Tim 2:20-21
 - Being characterized by it Romans 15:14
- Examples:
 - Deacons 1 Tim 3:8-13
- Contrast:
 - What an elder should not be 2 Tim 3:2-3
 - The brethren James writes to James 4:1-4

GOD'S GOODNESS

- What is this type of goodness?
 - His mercy for us Titus 3:3-7
 - Only God is truly good Luke 18:18-19
 - He sent Jesus for us John 10:11-15
 - Includes discipline Heb 12:7-11
- Examples:
 - Jesus Romans 5:6-11
 - The Father giving to his children Matt 7:7-11
- Contrast:
 - The devil 1 Peter 5:8