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Summer Fruit



- The fruit of the Spirit is the very **nature** of **God**

Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

- The **question** for each of us is what's **growing** in you?
- Goodness – **moral excellence**, passionate holiness, zealous righteousness, **divine** character
 - The **sum** of all the **attributes** of God
 - If you had only **one word** to describe all that God is it would be **goodness**

Exodus 33:18-23

¹⁸ Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." ¹⁹ And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." ²¹ Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

Mark 10:18

¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone.

- Goodness is **kindness** in **action**
- **Selflessly** acting on behalf of **someone** else

John 8:9-11

⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹ "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

- Goodness is not a quality we can **manufacture** on our own

Ephesians 5:8-11

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

- **Live** as children of the **light**
- Find out what **pleases** God and **do** it
- The **longer** we walk in the light the **greater** His goodness should grow in us

Matthew 5:48

⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

I have not **arrived** but I am not going to **quit**