



HEAD * The one who is good, does good!

HEART

- * How might our approach to serving others be modified if we trulγ believed Jesus' words that whatever we do for 'the least of these,' we do for Him?
- What do you feel when you consider the reality that you are God's 'masterpiece' created for good works, and how does this impact your daily choices?
- * Can you identify ways might God be using both blessings and challenges in your life to conform you to the image of Christ?

HANDS

- This week, identify one tangible way you can serve "the least of these" in your community. Make a plan to act on it.
- * Spend time reflecting on areas where you need to grow in personal holiness. Share with the group if you're comfortable.
- * Challenge γourself to spend more time in prayer this week, particularly focusing on kneeling or another posture of humility before God.
- * Look for opportunities to practice "mishpat" (justice) in γour daily interactions and decisions.
- Meditate on Galatians 5:22-23 this week, asking God to cultivate the fruit of goodness in your life through His Spirit.



Day 1: The Goodness of God Reading: Psalm 34:1-10

Devotional: Todaγ we focus on God's inherent goodness. The psalmist invites us to "taste and see that the Lord is good" (v.8). This isn't just about intellectual understanding, but experiential knowledge. God's goodness isn't abstract - it's something we can experience in our daily lives. Reflect on moments where you've tangibly felt God's goodness. How has His goodness sustained you in difficult times? Today, challenge yourself to actively look for signs of God's goodness around you, even in unexpected places. Remember, as image-bearers of a good God, we're called to reflect His goodness to others.

Day 2: Walking in the Spirit Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

Devotional: Paul presents a stark contrast between living by the flesh and walking in the Spirit. Walking in the Spirit isn't passive - it requires intentional effort on our part. Yet, it's also not about striving in our own strength. It's a beautiful paradox of active surrender. As you read through the fruits of the Spirit, which ones do you find most challenging to cultivate? Ask the Holy Spirit to grow these fruits in your life. Remember, these aren't qualities we can manufacture on our own, but the natural outworking of a Spirit-led life. Today, practice being aware of the Holy Spirit's presence and guidance in your everyday decisions and interactions.

Day 3: Conforming to Christ's Image Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Devotional: God's ultimate goal for our lives is to conform us to the image of His Son. This passage reminds us that God is actively working in all circumstances - good and bad - towards this end. It's easy to focus on our immediate comfort or happiness, but God's perspective is eternal. He's more concerned with our character than our comfort. Reflect on a recent challenging situation in your life. How might God be using this to shape you more into Christ's likeness? Today, try to view your circumstances through this lens of spiritual formation. Ask God to help you cooperate with His transformative work in your life.

Day 4: Serving the Least of These Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

Devotional: Jesus presents a powerful picture of final judgment based on how we treat "the least of these." This passage challenges us to see Christ in the faces of the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, and imprisoned. It's a call to active, practical compassion. Often, we can become so focused on our own spiritual growth that we neglect the needs around us. Yet Jesus shows us that serving others is integral to our spiritual life. Today, prayerfully consider: Who are "the least of these" in your community? How can you tangibly serve them this week? Remember, in serving others, we're serving Christ Himself.

Day 5: Pursuing Personal Holiness Reading: Hebrews 12:1-14

Devotional: We end our week focusing on the pursuit of holiness. The author of Hebrews urges us to "make every effort... to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord" (v.14). This echoes Robert Murray McShane's conviction that "the greatest need of my people is my personal holiness." Holiness isn't about perfection, but about being set apart for God's purposes. It's a lifelong journey of becoming more like Christ. Today, spend time in honest selfreflection. What areas of your life need to be more fully surrendered to God? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any blind spots. Remember, pursuing holiness isn't about earning God's love, but about living out our identity as His beloved children.