



TRUE GREATNESS – SO GOOD

**What we see
depends mainly
on what we look
for. John Lubbock**

1. Seeing the Good

v3-8



**We always thank God, the Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4
because we have heard of your faith in
Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all
God's people ... Colossians 1:3–4**

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. 5 For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—6 God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. 7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

1 Corinthians 1:4–7

**Sinner, sufferer,
saint.**

**The heart is deceitful above all things and
beyond cure. Who can understand it?**

Jeremiah 17:9

**... don't let the
unattractive features of
someone's life blind you
to the good ... Love is
able to see past the
clutter of a disorganized
life. Ed Welch**

**If you're looking for
God at work, you'll
notice goodness
you would've
missed.**

2. Enjoy the Good

v3



**We always thank God, the Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, when we pray for you ...**

Colossians 1:3

**Paul enjoys the
Colossians.**

Who do you enjoy?

**I think we delight to praise
what we enjoy because the
praise not merely
expresses but completes
the enjoyment; it is its
appointed consummation.
It is not out of compliment
that lovers keep on telling
one another how beautiful
they are; the delight is
incomplete till it is
expressed. C S Lewis**

**Who knows you
enjoy them?**

**Encouragement
that is unspoken
is no
encouragement at
all.**

Rowland Foreman

3. Enjoy God

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**Everything which
is truly good can
be traced back to
God himself.**

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you ... because we have heard of your faith in
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... faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel 6 that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. Colossians 1:5–6

You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf,⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. Colossians 1:7–8

I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. 21 For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. 22 But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. Philippians 2:20–22

**I know, you know,
we all know, you
can't pull that off
on your own.**