

# Fruitful Summer Devotion

## Week 7- Goodness

### Day 1: Goodness Flows from God's Character

**Scripture:** Exodus 33:19

*"I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.'"*

#### Reflection:

God's goodness is not a trait He sometimes shows—it is central to who He is. Any goodness we live out must first come from being captivated by the goodness of God. Christian goodness is not moral superiority but a humble participation in God's redeeming nature.

#### Application Questions:

1. How does your view of God's goodness shape your own goodness toward others?
  2. Where in your life do you need to be reawakened to the goodness of God?
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### Day 2: The Fruit of Goodness

**Scripture:** Galatians 5:22-23

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness..."*

#### Reflection:

Goodness is not about being “nice” or following rules. It's a Spirit-grown disposition rooted in grace. Goodness is the result of abiding in Christ—it cannot be fabricated or faked. The more we yield to the Spirit, the more goodness becomes who we are, not just what we do.

#### Application Questions:

1. Are you striving to “be good” on your own, or letting the Spirit produce goodness in you?
  2. What would it look like to trust the Spirit to bear the fruit of goodness in a hard relationship?
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### Day 3: Doing Good Even When It's Hard

**Scripture:** Romans 12:21

*"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."*

**Reflection:**

Goodness as a disposition means resisting retaliation and revenge. It's easy to mirror the brokenness we encounter. But gospel goodness breaks cycles. When we do good in the face of evil, we reflect the cross—where the worst evil was overcome by the greatest good.

**Application Questions:**

1. Where are you tempted to return evil for evil instead of overcoming with good?
  2. How does the cross shape the way you respond to hurt or hostility?
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**Day 4: Goodness as Integrity**

**Scripture:** Psalm 25:21

*"May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you."*

**Reflection:**

Biblical goodness is closely tied to integrity. It's doing the right thing even when no one is watching. It's choosing truth over expedience. Gospel goodness has nothing to prove because it flows from a secure identity in Christ, not from trying to earn righteousness.

**Application Questions:**

1. Are there places in your life where your public self and private self are divided?
  2. What would it look like to let Christ shape you into a whole, integrated person?
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**Day 5: Doing Good to All**

**Scripture:** Galatians 6:9-10

*"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then... let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."*

**Reflection:**

Goodness doesn't discriminate. It reaches out to friends and enemies, neighbors and strangers. The gospel compels us to extend good—even when it's inconvenient or unreciprocated. In a world of exhaustion and cynicism, consistent goodness is a prophetic witness.

**Application Questions:**

1. Where are you growing weary of doing good? How can the promise of "reaping" reenergize you?
  2. Who is God calling you to show tangible goodness to today?
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## **Day 6: Goodness in Generosity**

**Scripture:** Acts 10:38

*"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good..."*

### **Reflection:**

Jesus embodied goodness. His miracles, meals, conversations, and compassion all flowed from a heart full of divine goodness. To follow Him is to be people who “go about doing good”—not as a performance but as an overflow of the Spirit at work in us.

### **Application Questions:**

1. What would it look like for you to “go about doing good” in your neighborhood or workplace?
  2. How does the example of Jesus reshape what goodness looks like in your daily life?
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## **Day 7: Goodness That Glorifies God**

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:16

*"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

### **Reflection:**

Goodness is not about self-promotion—it’s about making God visible. When people see true goodness, they glimpse the character of the Father. This is the paradox of gospel goodness: it is humble yet bold, quiet yet radiant, hidden yet influential.

### **Application Questions:**

1. Do your good works point people to you or to your Father in heaven?
2. How can you cultivate a life that quietly yet powerfully displays the goodness of God?