



Something BETTER

PRODUCTS OF THE SPIRIT

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From Worship To Weekday is a study guide that can be used in your small group or individually to bring the Biblical truths you heard on Sunday into your daily life.

Something Better: Goodness

The world is divided into that which is good and that which is evil. There is a greater life to be lived in the choice of what is good. It is how God originally created all things and it is essential to his nature. As creatures made in God's image, goodness reflects our purpose and design. The story of redemption in Christ is a story of restoration to what is good in all we experience and say and do.

Galatians 6:1-10

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. 5 For each will have to bear his own load. 6 Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. 7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Recall times you have found yourself saying, "Life Is Good."

God realizes that life is not always good, all the time, and he just can't accept that. One of the impact points of God pouring his Holy Spirit on us is generating in us goodness and restoring a pipeline of goodness from him to us, and us to others. What does this say about the character of God?

So, what is goodness? What makes a good person? Who are some people about whom you would say, "That is a really good person?"

The Bible gives some examples of people we might call "good". Tabitha, in Acts 9, is described as being "full of good works." Why? Why is Barnabus in Acts 11 called "a good man?"

What do we do about the debate in John 7? Some said, "Jesus is a good man," other said, "No, he is leading the people astray." And still, today, you won't get a universal answer from people on whether or not Jesus was a good man. Whom do we know Jesus to be?

How can we say that sin is calling evil, good?

God says what is good and we go for the other option. And the other option isn't just a mistake or misstep. It is evil. Why do we do what is evil?

At some level, we have determined it's good for us. Evil is called good. And whatever good we've left behind is now "not good", so it is evil. Unpack that concept.

We pursue as good and prioritize as good, what is not at all good. And it's killing us... figuratively and literally. How so?

Well, let's rescue goodness that is sometime shunned today and put defining goodness back in the hands of God. Good and goodness are not the enemy. They are not a liability, nor are they a weakness. How do you see society downplaying goodness?

In the Bible, when the word "good" or "goodness" is used about a person, it means they are healthy, sound, and perfect. They are good and benevolent. In other words, of good intention. They are morally right. And, they are as they were designed to be. We were designed to be good. How do we know that?

Your ability to sow good, to sow the Spirit, is anchored in the grace of God. What does it say in 2 Corinthians 9:8 about how to sow good?

So, who is in need of goodness? Paul answers that in our reading. See verse 10. Especially to whom?

How has God demonstrated his great goodness to you?

PRAY God works goodness in you through his spirit.