

## The Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness

A good man obtains favor from the Lord,  
but the Lord condemns a crafty man.

I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil—this is the gift of God.

No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God.

Proverbs 12:2; Ecclesiastes 3:12  
Luke 6:43-45; Galatians 6:9-10  
Ephesians 2:10; 3 John 11