



Personal Reflection

Take time this week to pray & reflect on the following:

From an early age, we are taught that we need to “be good.” The obvious goal is for us to conform to the rules and regulations set forth by those who love us and are charged with raising us to maturity. In this context, being good is a function of respecting authority and exercising self-control. Interestingly, there is little difference between the need for a child to be good and the duty that followers of Christ have to be a force for good in the world.

The Holy Spirit empowers followers of Jesus Christ with the ability and desire to both be good and do good. Goodness flows from godliness because God is the source of all good and is the standard by which all conduct is measured. As Christians are recipients of blessings and goodness from God, so too must they be bearers of goodness to the world. If you are born-again, the power to make a difference by being a force for good is readily available and will not expire.

In a world that sometimes feels overrun with wrongdoing and hostility, are you a force for good? Do you believe in the power of God’s goodness working in and through you? What present areas of your life (relationships and circumstances) need an infusion of God’s goodness? Are you willing to let God work in and through your life today?

Prayerfully consider how your life is full of the riches and treasure of God’s goodness. Let the goodness of God wash over you and lift your heart from despair, ambivalence and insecurity. Express thanks to God for His goodness and care. Vocalize your commitment to show goodness to others, to tell of God’s goodness to them and to challenge and encourage them to do the same with their lives.

I. A Good Start

II. Being Good

Matthew 12:25; James 1:17; Acts 10:38

III. Doing Good

1st Timothy 6:17-19

IV. Growing in Goodness
