

SpiritFruit

Lesson Seven • Matthew 19:16-22

The SpiritFruit of Goodness

What Is the SpiritFruit of Goodness?

Goodness is UPRIGHTNESS of heart and life; it's being good and doing good.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23 ESV

Bearing the SpiritFruit of Goodness:

Step 1: BEING Good: How to Be Full of Goodness!

Who Is Good?

- Only GOD is good.

Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God." Matthew 19:16-17 NKJV

- WE are not good.

There is no one who does good, not even one. Romans 3:12 NIV

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23 NIV

"I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature." Romans 7:18 NIV

*"Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me."
Psalm 51:5 NIV*

The Solution to Our Lack of Goodness:

The only way to be good is to be MADE GOOD by being born again through the power of the Spirit.

*I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness...
Romans 15:14 NIV*

Step 2: DOING Good: How to Fulfill Goodness!

*Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power.
2Thessalonians 1:11 NKJV*

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 NIV

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Galatians 6:10 NIV

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8 NIV

Two Examples of Doing Good:

- DORCAS was a good woman who did good works.

At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. Acts 9:36 NKJV

- BARNABAS was a good man who did good works.

He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. Acts 11:24 NIV

Warning:

When doing good beware of the artificial fruit of HYPOCRISY.
Acts 5:1-11

"What do I still lack?"

Your goodness isn't GOOD ENOUGH to get you into heaven, but Jesus' goodness is. So trust Him as your Savior and Lord.

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God...For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:3, 16 ESV