

## Fruit of the Spirit Goodness

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1. “Goodness” is a sincere desire for the happiness of others coupled with sustained effort to bring that happiness about. It is entirely other-directed and it requires substantial sensitivity. Most importantly, goodness is not based on the merit of the recipient. Thus, goodness is in a way the human equivalent of God’s grace. At the very least, it could be described as graciousness.
2. It is important to realize that such simple goodness may very well be what Christians were created to dispense. See Ephesians 2:10.
3. The best places to begin a more deliberate effort to dole out a little kindness are with those we are naturally around. Investigating their welfare and inquiring as to their state of being is incumbent on us.
4. One of the interesting aspects of kindness is that it is usually found in extremely simple and small acts and gestures. The response is often disproportionate to the action.
5. It seems to be popular in some circles to speak of “random acts of kindness.” However, the Bible speaks of regular, disciplined, and planned acts of kindness that characterize believers.
6. What is the biggest drawback to goodness in your life? Egoentrism, materialism, or lack of priority?
7. What does Romans 2:4 reveal to you about God’s goodness?