



growing in CHRIST

He who says he abides in Jesus ought himself
also to walk just as Jesus walked (1 John 2:6)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, **goodness**, faithfulness,
²³ gentleness, self-control.

(Gal.5:22–23)

**FRUIT
OF
GOODNESS**



Human Centered Goodness

God Centered Goodness



THE GOODNESS OF GOD

GOD IS THE MAKER OF ALL THAT IS GOOD



¹⁷ Every **good** gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

(James 1:17)

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³⁸ God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about **doing good** and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. (Acts 10:38)

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²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for **good**, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son. (Romans 8:28–29)

THE GOODNESS OF GOD



BARNABAS

“he was a **good man**,
full of the **Holy Spirit**
and of **faith.**”

(Acts 11:24)

A GOOD PERSON



HELPS BELIEVERS IN NEED

³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶ Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷ sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

(Acts 4:34–37)

A GOOD PERSON



HELPS BELIEVERS IN NEED

“The one who is taught the word must share all **good** things with the one who teaches” (Gal. 6:6)

“¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us **do good** to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Gal. 6:10)

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²⁶ And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. ²⁷ **But Barnabas** took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. ²⁸ So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. (Acts 9:26–28)

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²² The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. (Acts 11:22–24)

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²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians. (Acts 11:25–26)

A GOOD PERSON



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. (Galatians 6:7–9)

KEEP ON DOING GOOD