

Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. 1 PETER 2:12

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APPLICATION MOMENT:

What could you do this week to make more of the goodness of the Word of God in your life and home?

Is there an influence you need to limit or an influence you need to cultivate for good fellowship?

Did God place anyone on your mind today that you need to do good for?

What are some ideas of how you could model goodness for others?



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Lesson: THE FRUIT OF GOODNESS

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. GALATIANS 5:22-23

INTRODUCTION: _____

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. EPHESIANS 5:8-10

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. GALATIANS 6:10

- The Bible tells us that God is the _____ of goodness

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. PSALM 100:5

- God _____ for our good

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. ROMANS 8:28

- God _____ good gifts

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. JAMES 1:17

- Jesus _____ the goodness of God

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. ACTS 10:38

1. _____ YOUR NEED FOR GOD'S GOODNESS

A. Our original _____ is not good

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. ROMANS 5:12

They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. ROMANS 3:12

B. We cannot _____ true goodness

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. ROMANS 7:18

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. ISAIAH 64:6

QUOTE: "I conceived the bold and arduous project of arriving at moral perfection. I wished to live without committing any fault at any time; I would conquer all that either natural inclinations, custom, or company might lead me into. As I knew, or thought I knew, what was right or wrong, I did not see why I might not always do the one and avoid the other. But I soon found I had undertaken a task of more difficulty than I had imagined. While my care was employed in guarding against one fault, I was often surprised by another; habit took the advantage of inattention; inclination was sometimes too strong for reason. I concluded, at length, that the mere speculative conviction that it was our interest to be completely virtuous was not sufficient to prevent our slipping."— Benjamin Franklin

2. _____ THE GOODNESS OF GOD TO A LOST WORLD

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A. Goodness is _____ in the Word of God

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? MICAH 6:8

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. PSALM 119:9

This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me. PSALM 119:50

Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. PSALM 119:133

My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness. PSALM 119:172

B. Goodness is _____ through godly fellowship

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: HEBREWS 10:24

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. 1 CORINTHIANS 15:33

C. Goodness is _____ through a walk with Christ

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. EPHESIANS 2:8-10

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. MATTHEW 5:16

Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. ACTS 9:39

CONCLUSION: _____

