

GOODNESS: Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

Key Word: _____. The Greek word is *agathosúne*.

The word means:

- the quality of being _____
- the quality of _____
- the quality of benevolence (_____)

- Goodness is a characteristic of the Holy Spirit

Question: what do you picture when you think of someone that is good, or someone says "good job," or "wow, that was a good book," or "she has a good heart?"

What is goodness?

**1. God _____ good**

- Psalm 25:8-9
- Circumstances _____ measure God's goodness
- Goodness is measured by the _____

2. God _____ good

- Psalm 23:6
- As I travel through life, goodness and love will _____ my every step.
- Where I proceed, goodness and love is _____ me.
- I will not be separated from God.

3 qualities to God's goodness

1. Goodness = _____ behavior/holiness

- God is good, God is _____
- God calls us to be _____
- 1 Peter 1:13-14



According to verse 13, God calls us to ...

- a. prepare our _____ for action
- b. be self-controlled
- c. set our _____ fully on Jesus

2. Goodness = excellence

- A meaning of excellence is: the ability to excel
- Hebrews 12:1



ATTENTION RUNNERS: race with perseverance!

- a. a _____ of service
- b. a race of sufferings
- c. a race of obedience
- d. I RACE TO _____!

3. Goodness = compassion

- God longs to _____ his children
- Genesis 50:20
- Joseph calmed his brother's _____
- Joseph offered _____
 - This is the _____ blessings Christ offers us
 - We need to expect God's blessings



Goodness = a life of holiness, excellence, and compassion.

This is challenging! But remember, goodness comes from the Holy Spirit. Nothing is impossible for God.

Meditate each day on the goodness of God:

EL SHADDAI	God all sufficient
ADONAI	Master
JEHOVAH-JIREH	The Lord will Provide
JEHOVAH-ROPHE	The Lord Who Heals
JEHOVAH-SHALOM	The Lord Our Peace
EL ELYON	Most High
EL-OLAM	Everlasting God