

**GOODNESS: Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)**

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

The word means:

- the quality of being good
- the quality of excellence
- the quality of benevolence (compassion)

- 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 IS good**

- Psalm 25:8-9
- Circumstances don't measure God's goodness
- Goodness is measured by the cross

**2. God does good**

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

**3 qualities to God's goodness**

1. Goodness = moral behavior/holiness

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



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

- a. prepare our minds for action
- b. be self-controlled
- c. set our hope 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 race of service
- b. a race of sufferings
- c. a race of obedience
- d. I RACE TO WIN!

## 3. Goodness = compassion

- God longs to bless his children
- Genesis 50:20
- Joseph calmed his brother's fears
- Joseph offered forgiveness
  - This is the same 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