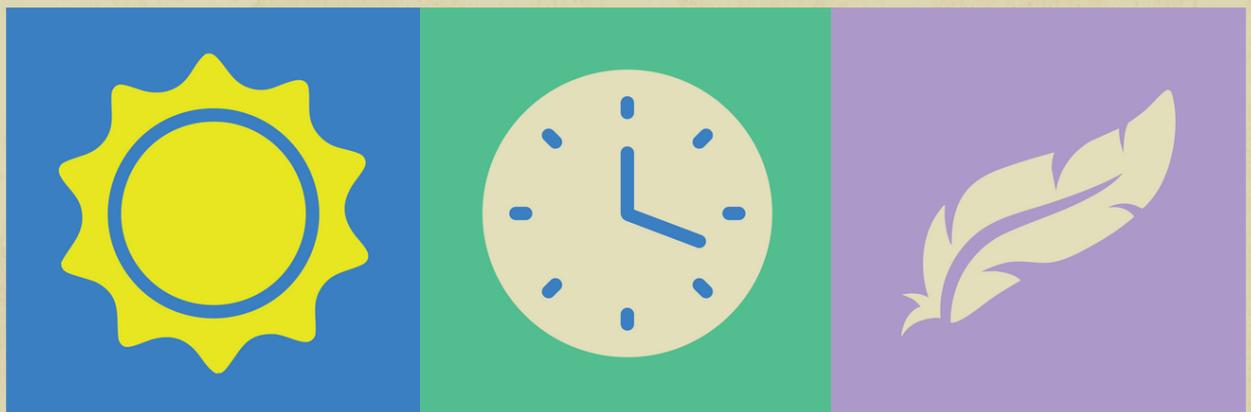




# **FRUIT** *of* *the* **SPIRIT**

## **STUDY GUIDE**



# THE FRUIT OF GOODNESS.



Goodness is relationship with the Holy Spirit that produces God's love in action!

## GOODNESS IS...

1. **Not about being good.** Psalm 34:8
2. **Experienced in radical love.** Romans 12:9
3. **Spiritual warfare.** Romans 12:21, Isaiah 5:20
4. **The result of the mercy of God.** Psalm 136:1-3
5. **Reveals the glory of God.** Exodus 33:18

### BIBLICAL GOODNESS

VS

### BEING NICE

- Rooted in the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
  - The nature of God
  - Flows from a heart aligned with truth & love
  - Confronts in love (Proverbs 27:6)
  - Concerned with eternity (Ephesians 4:15)
  - The love of God in action (Titus 3:4-5)
  - Fueled by the fear of the Lord
- Rooted in self-preservation & comfort
  - The world's counterfeit
  - Avoids truth to avoid upsetting people
  - Stays silent when it should speak
  - Concerned with avoiding offense
  - Shaped by feelings & people pleasing
  - Fueled by the fear of man (Proverbs 29:25)

**CAUTION: The WOKE godless call evil good and good evil!  
Biblical goodness is FIERCE, it confronts evil!**

## 3 THINGS ABOUT GOODNESS:

1. **You CAN'T be good without God.** Mark 10:18, Ephesians 2:8-9
2. **Goodness is NOT just being nice.** 2 Timothy 3:1-3, Romans 12:9
3. **God is good when life is not.** Psalm 23:6, Romans 8:28

Goodness is not a reflection of my circumstance, it is a reflection of my relationship with God!



## QUESTIONS FOR YOURSELF:

- Do I believe God will work everything for good in my life? Why or why not?
- Do I truly abhor what is evil and stand up for what is good?
- What ways have I walked in self-preservation rather than in the power of the Holy Spirit?

## QUESTIONS FOR GOD:

- Am I walking in Your grace or striving to be good?
- What areas of my life do I lack the fruit of goodness?
- Do I avoid truth in fear of upsetting people?

## QUESTIONS FOR OTHERS:

- On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate my ability to confront in love? How can I grow in this area?
- Do you see evidence of people-pleasing in my life?
- How can I grow in showing goodness and compassion to those around me?

## STEWARDED GOODNESS:

- Ask God to reveal any areas of your life where you need to allow His goodness to redefine your situation.
- Reflect on any times when you stay silent or avoid truth. Repent.
- Ask the Lord to grow you in the fear of the Lord and in loving God in action.



# **PRAAYER OF** **RADICAL** **LOVE.**

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