



Living Under the Influence

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Part Two – Goodness



I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. Something smells good

- “Where is the fruit that shows you actually spend time with Me?”

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT) ²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

- When we’re led by the Holy Spirit, something different happens, the Holy spirit begins producing fruit in my life

Galatians 5:23B (TPT) ... Never set the law above these qualities, for they are meant to be limitless.

II. THE FRUIT OF GOODNESS

A. God is good all the time

- To be “Good” you need God, and the Holy Spirit
- There’s a problem with trying to be “good” without God.

B. Only God can set the standard of GOOD

- Dangerous to understand goodness based on our personal definition of what good is

C. What is the Fruit of Goodness?

Greek Goodness (agathōsynē) The active quality of moral excellence that expresses itself in doing what is beneficial for others.

- Goodness isn’t just what you do or are, it’s what you do because of who you are
- In the Old Testament, Goodness frequently describes God's covenant character.

III. GOD IS GOOD

A. Moses, the calf, the Glory and God’s goodness

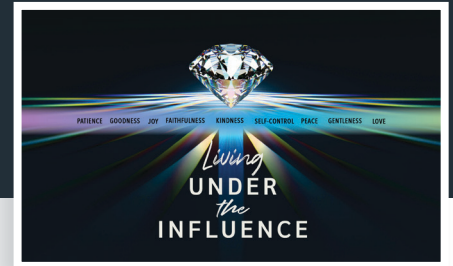
Exodus 33:1-3 (NIV)

¹ go up to the land I promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob ...

² I will send an angel before you and drive out your enemies ...

³ But I will not go with you ...

Exodus 33:15 (NIV) ¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.



Exodus 33:16 (NIV)¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

- The thing that should distinguish Christians is that the character of God has become visible in our lives.

B. Show Me!

Exodus 33:18-19 (NIV) ¹⁸ Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."¹⁹ And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

C. Not doing bad things isn't the same as doing good

Galatians 6:10 (NIV) Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

- Goodness should have an action attached to it
 - When's the last time you came to church ready to give away goodness?
- Jesus: Well DONE – GOOD and faithful
- Surly Goodness and mercy shall follow me

D. God wants to reproduce His character in us

- Goodness isn't something we're trying to manufacture. Goodness is the visible evidence of God's character at work in us.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV) ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

- When people see God's goodness becoming visible in our lives, they don't just see better people, they get a clearer picture of God
- That's exactly what Moses wanted.

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