



Real Church: Goodness

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*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, **goodness**, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."* Gal. 5:22-23

Goodness: moral excellence; not stagnant but actively working itself out

Principles from the Parable of the Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37

1. See the needs around me.

- Attitude of Avoidance

"A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed on the other side."

- Attitude of Apathy

"So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side."

- Attitude of Action

"But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him."

"Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." James 4:17

2. Be sympathetic to the needs around me.

"But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him."

- Stop asking, "What's wrong with them?" Instead ask, "What happened to them?"

"Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others." 1 Cor. 10:24

3. Seize the opportunity to do good.

"He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him."

- If I am going to do good, I must be willing to be interrupted. God will provide divine encounters.

"We wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good." Titus 2:13-14

4. Spend whatever it takes

"The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. "Look after him", he said, "and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have...go and do likewise"