

**“The Fruit of the Spirit, Part 6”
Galatians 5:22-23**

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The Nine Fruit of the Spirit:

1. The Spirit of God causes the people of God to love.
2. The Spirit of God causes the people of God to have joy.
3. The Spirit of God causes the people of God to have peace.
4. The Spirit of God causes the people of God to have patience.
5. The Spirit of God causes the people of God to show kindness.
6. The Spirit of God causes the people of God to exhibit Spirit-led goodness.

What is the Holy Spirit endeavoring to produce in you? What qualities does the Spirit want to build into your personality, character and habits?

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The Holy Spirit is developing moral excellence in our character. The Holy Spirit leads us to be generous to one another.

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever” (Psalm 23:6, KJV).

Psalm 145:9

Psalm 31:19

Lamentations 3:25

Psalm 34:8

Psalm 107:1

If God is Good: Faith in the Midst of Suffering and Evil by Randy Alcorn

“As I sought to explain what has happened in my spirit, it all became clearer to me. God has been preparing me for this moment. He has undergirded me in ways I’ve never known before. He has made Himself increasingly real and precious to me. He has given to me Joy such as I’ve ever known before and I’ve no need to work at it, it just comes, even amidst the tears.

He has taught me that no matter how good my genes are or how well I take care of my diet and myself, He will lead me on whatever journey He chooses and will never leave me for a moment of that journey. And He planned it all in such a way that step by step, He prepared me for the moment when the doctor dropped the last shoe...

God is good. No matter what the diagnosis or the prognosis, or the fearfulness of the uncertainty of having neither. The key to knowing God is good is simply knowing Him” (p. 399).

We may define ‘goodness’ as excellent character that is energized to be good to others.

Paul uses the Greek word *Agathosyne* for goodness. It means ‘positive moral quality characterized especially by interest in the welfare of others’ (BDAG, p. 3).

A morally excellent heart that is not self-righteous or self-absorbed. Spirit-led goodness is a goodness that gives.

“If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If you simply say hello to those who greet you, do you expect a medal? Any run-of-the-mill sinner does that. In a word, what I’m saying is, grow up. You’re kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you” (Matthew 5:46-48, The Message).

“...what do ye more than others?...” (Matthew 5:47, KJV).

What does Spirit-led goodness look like?

1. Spirit-led goodness is an increasingly consistent manifestation of the character of Jesus.

Ephesians 5:9
Romans 5:8

2. Spirit-led goodness will cause you to be known as a person of integrity.

Romans 15:14a

3. Spirit-led goodness reaches out to do good for others.

“So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of His call. May He give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do” (2 Thessalonians 1:11, NLT).