

July 29, 2018
Galatians 5:22-23

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS GOODNESS

I. Introduction:

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23

II. What Is Goodness?

A. Goodness Is Doing The _____ Thing For The _____ Reason

1. The Word Good In The Bible:

a. At Creation: “God saw that it was **Good**”

“Goodness Is Living A Life That Is **Pleasing To God**”

b. The Nature and Character of God is Good

“Give Thanks to the Lord for **He is good.**”
Psalm 106:1

B. Jesus – A Demonstration Of Goodness

¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been **tempted in every way**, just as we are—yet he did not sin.” Hebrews 4:15

1. The Temptation Of _____

If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.’ Jesus answered, ‘It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone.’” Luke 4:3-4

2. The Temptation To _____

"The devil led Him up to a high place & showed Him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to Him, `I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours.'" Luke 4:5-7

3. The Temptation Of _____

"The devil led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. `If you are the Son of God,' he said, `throw yourself down from here. For it is written: `He will command His angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" "When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left Him until an opportune time."
Luke 4:9-13

III. Tangible Ways To Cultivate The Fruit Of Goodness:

1. We Cultivate Goodness By _____

"If you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." Matthew 6:14-15

2. We Cultivate Goodness By _____

3. We Cultivate Goodness Through _____

4. We Cultivate Goodness Through _____

POINTS TO PONDER
Week of July 29th to August 4th - Luke 4:1-12

Open It

1. *In what ways have you experienced being very hungry or thirsty?
2. Why do people laugh when they hear someone say, "I can resist anything except temptation"?

Explore It

3. For how long was Jesus tempted by the devil? (4:2)
4. *After forty days of fasting and facing temptations, how did Jesus feel? (4:2)
5. How did the devil challenge Jesus to prove He was the Son of God? (4:3, 9-10)
6. *How did Jesus reply when the devil urged Him to turn a stone into bread? (4:4)
7. *Where did Jesus get the answers He gave the devil? (4:4, 8, 12)
8. For his second temptation where did the devil take Jesus and what did he show Him? (4:5)
9. By what right did the devil claim to be able to offer Jesus the kingdoms of the world? (4:6)
10. What did the devil offer Jesus in exchange for His worship? (4:6-7)
11. What was Jesus' reply to the devil's offer of power and authority? (4:8)
12. Where did the devil take Jesus in Jerusalem? (4:9)
13. What did the devil dare Jesus to prove by jumping off the temple roof? (4:9-11)

14. Why wasn't the devil successful in enticing Jesus to jump off the temple? (4:12)
15. What did the devil do after Jesus' third resistance to his temptations? (4:13)

Get It

18. How did Jesus and the devil use the Bible differently?
19. In what areas of life can we expect to be tempted?
20. *What physical needs or desires make us vulnerable to temptation?
21. How might we be tempted to worship the devil in exchange for power or position?
22. In what situations are you sometimes tempted to put the Lord to the test?
23. What did Jesus use repeatedly in resisting the devil's temptations?
24. How did Jesus resist temptation?
25. *How can a person become skillful at using the Bible as Jesus did?
26. Since the Bible can be misused, how can we learn to use the Bible the right way?
27. What did Jesus prove in the way he resisted the devil's temptations?
28. What is the difference between testing God and claiming His promises?

Apply It

29. *How can you prepare for tempting situations at work?
30. What frequent temptation can you fight this week by memorizing Scripture?