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Introductory Thoughts

“Help the bad people to be better, and help the good people to be good.”

How many times have you heard, “It's what's on the inside that counts?”

FDR speech about freedom on January 6, 1941.

Our world has those freedoms to a larger degree today than it had in 1941, but there is a greater freedom that man needs. Man needs to be free from himself and the tyranny of his sinful nature.



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Goodness In Action

Signifies not merely goodness as a quality, rather it is goodness in action, goodness expressing itself in deeds.

Romans 15:14 – Ephesians 5:9 – 2 Thessalonians 1:11

The legalists (Pharisees) of Christ's day were concerned with the outside.

Matthew 23:25-30

We're not talking about just thinking good thoughts, but putting those thoughts into action.



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A Look at Christ's Life

Acts 10:38

The goodness of Christ can be seen . . .

In raising the widow's son from death – Luke 7

In the compassion for the woman in adultery – John 8

Even in the cleansing of the temple – John 2

If we are Christ's followers . . .

We will learn goodness

Learn it from Him and His life



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We Will Never Be Good Enough

Man's goodness is not enough.

We'll never be good enough to earn salvation.

The list of the works of the flesh are contrasted with the fruit of the spirit.

Galatians 5:19-23

There is a huge gap between the works of the flesh and the fruit of the spirit.

Unless God is in us we will walk just like the world.



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Closing Remarks

We need to make sure that we are free from the lusts of the flesh.

We need to make certain we have turned our lives over to Christ.

Do you have a deep seated goodness that comes out in everything you do?



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