

“Goodness and Faithfulness: Integrity and Dependability”

Galatians 5:16-25

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Introduction

- The Fruit of Goodness and Faithfulness
 - Goodness is integrity or completeness and wholeness of character where what we do shows what we are.
 - Faithfulness is dependability and trustworthiness over time, a track record of goodness.
- Weeds
 - The opposite of goodness and faithfulness is hypocrisy: where our self-perception and other people’s perception of us do not reflect or project accurately who we are.
 - Counterfeit goodness and faithfulness is:
 - manipulative or self-serving good deeds
 - Phony and shallow relationships
- Fertilizer
 - Contemplating God’s goodness and faithfulness in creation, providence, and redemption

God’s Goodness and Faithfulness

- A Brief Theology of God’s Goodness
 - An umbrella term encompassing God’s grace, mercy, and patience

