

summer teaching series

got fruit?

a life never out of season.



God's goodness produces, within us,
our goodness. As we are in relationship
with God, His nature rubs off on us.



“Get your life from Me and I will live in you. No branch can give fruit by itself. It has to get life from the vine. You are able to give fruit only when you have life from Me.”

John 15:4



The fundamental teaching of this series “Got Fruit?” is that these lovely and helpful characteristics naturally and organically grow into us, and then out of us, when we are in a dynamic relationship with God.



1. God is good.



“For you were once in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of **light** (for the fruit of the light consists in all **goodness, righteousness, and truth**), and find out what **pleases the Lord**. Have nothing to do with the **fruitless deeds of darkness**, but rather expose them.”

Ephesians 5:8–9



So, goodness, in part, is moral
uprightness...it is behaviour that reflects
the holy nature of God. It is behaviour that
reflects His nature in the world we live in;
in the relationships that are ours.



“God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.”

1 John 1:15



“When tempted, no one should say, ‘God is tempting me.’ For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death....”

James 1:13–17



“...Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”

James 1:13–17



“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.”

Psalms 107:1



FOUR ELEMENTS OF GOD'S GOODNESS

1. He is the **source** of all good.
2. He is **essentially** good.
3. He is **immeasurably** good.
4. He is **eternally and unchangeably** good.



“Taste and see that the Lord is good.”

Psalms 43:8



1. God is good.

2. God does good and His goodness is directed toward us.



God is good; God does good. He is benevolent to humanity, generally, and to His children, specifically. He is generously benevolent. God's goodness is His kindness, love, mercy, patience, faithfulness, and generosity.

God gives good gifts to His children.



“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?...”

Matthew 7:7–11



“...If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give **good** gifts to those who ask Him!”

Matthew 7:7–11



The problem isn't that we ask for bread and get stones; but that **we ask for stones** and **we think God's gift of bread is a stone** because we lack the perspective that God alone has to determine what we truly need and what is truly to our ultimate, eternal, and spiritual good.



“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”

Romans 8:28



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2. God does good and His goodness is directed toward us.
- 3. Out of the overflow of God's goodness, we can share it with others.**



The Holy Spirit's purpose in your life is not to make you weird; it's simply to make you more like Christ—to make you holy, as God is holy—to restore in you the original goodness which characterized your original created state.



Got Fruit? It's being reminded that God, by His Spirit, is changing us—recreating us—from the inside out. He is restoring us to His original design; a design that has us functioning with love, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.



“Jesus Christ gave himself for us—why?—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 2:14



“Jesus said, ‘In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your **good** works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.’”

Matthew 5:16



“How can a young person keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to Your Word. With
my whole heart I seek You, let me not wander
from Your teachings! I have stored up Your
Word in my heart, that I might not sin
against You.”

Psalms 119:9,11



“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

Galatians 6:9



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