



FRUIT of the
SPIRIT

BECOMING LIKE JESUS

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23





**What is
goodness?**

ἀγαθωσύνη

agathosuna



Goodness: the quality of a blameless, upright, pure, righteous, and generous character. It is a Spirit-created moral excellence.





The Goodness of God

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is
good! (Psalm 136:1)**

**You are good and do only good
(Psalm 119:68)**



Moses responded, “Then show me your glorious presence.” The Lord replied, “I will make all my **goodness** pass before you, and I will call out my name, Yahweh, before you. For I will show mercy to anyone I choose, and I will show compassion to anyone I choose...as my glorious presence passes by, I will hide you in the crevice of the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.”

Exodus 33:19



He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright he is!

Deuteronomy 32:4



**If we are unfaithful, he
remains faithful, for he
cannot deny who he is.**

2 Timothy 2:13



And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing **good** and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Acts 10:38





The sinfulness of man

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

Romans 3:23-24



All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

Isaiah 64:6



The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? But I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve.

Jeremiah 17:9-10



“The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.”

Tim Keller





**How can I grow
in goodness?**



**1. Be filled
with the life
of Christ**

I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5



14% of Canadians read the Bible at least once a month.

60% of Canadian Christians think the scriptures of all major world religions teach essentially the same things. Those who do are likely to disregard the teachings of these texts and find a common ethic of social peace behind the texts

18% of Canadians strongly agree the Bible is the Word of God, down from 35% in 1996



23% of Christians in Canada strongly agree that the Bible is relevant to modern life

21% of Christians in Canada reflect on the meaning of the Bible for their lives at least a few times a week

11% of Christians in Canada talk to others about the Bible outside of religious services at least once a week



All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

2 Timothy 3:16



And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Philippians 4:8





**2. Be courageous
in your convictions**

**Everyone who wants to live
a godly life in Christ Jesus
will suffer persecution.**

2 Timothy 3:12



12. *Resolved*, if I take delight in it as a gratification of pride, or vanity, or on any such account, immediately to throw it by.

28. *Resolved*, to study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive myself to grow in the knowledge of the same.

34. *Resolved*, in narrations never to speak anything but the pure and simple verity.



47. *Resolved*, to endeavor to my utmost to deny whatever is not most agreeable to a good, and universally sweet and benevolent, quiet, peaceable, contented, easy, compassionate, generous, humble, meek, modest, submissive, obliging, diligent and industrious, charitable, even, patient, moderate, forgiving, sincere temper; and to do at all times what such a temper would lead me to. Examine strictly every week, whether I have done so.



48. *Resolved*, constantly, with the utmost niceness and diligence, and the strictest scrutiny, to be looking into the state of my soul, that I may know whether I have truly an interest in Christ or no; that when I come to die, I may not have any negligence respecting this to repent of.

70. Let there be something of benevolence, in all that I speak.



Follow only what is good.

**Remember that those who do good
prove that they are God's children,
and those who do evil prove that
they do not know God.**

3 John 1:11



But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you. For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:20-21





**3. Live
sincerely,
honestly, and
transparently**

**Who may worship in your sanctuary,
Lord? Who may enter your presence
on your holy hill? Those who lead
blameless lives and do what is right,
speaking the truth from
sincere hearts.**

Psalm 15:1-2



If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

2 Timothy 2:21



**Be an example to all believers
in what you say, in the way
you live, in your love, your
faith, and your purity.**

1 Timothy 4:12





FRUIT of the
SPIRIT

BECOMING LIKE JESUS