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Bible Study

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9 QUALITIES THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

What if I told you that you can experience the kind of life that God desires for all of His children! The kind of life that would not only change you now – but also change your future! Well, that’s what this new Bible Study series is all about. This study is about how we can develop the character that God wants for us by the indwelling “Fruit of the Spirit”.

SIXTH QUALITY – GOODNESS

I. Description:

Moral and spiritual excellence manifested in how we treat others.

II. For Most Of Us Goodness Does Not Come Naturally

1. Often times it is difficult to behave like a Christian. *Romans 12:9-21*
2. However, goodness is available and possible for every Believer through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. *Galatians 5:16*

III. Goodness is more “caught” than “taught”.

1. If you want goodness to happen to you, you must sow goodness in the life of others. *Galatians 6:7*
2. The principles of reaping and sowing:
 - Principle of investment – You reap “if” you sow.
 - Principle of identity – You reap “what” you sow.
 - Principle of increase – You reap “more” than you sow.
 - Principle of interval – You reap “later” than you sow.
3. Do not get discouraged when your harvest does not come right away. God promise is “in due season we shall reap.” *Galatians 6:9*
4. Our responsibility is to do good, however the harvest belongs to God. *1st Corinthians 15:58*

IV. The Litmus Test of Genuine Goodness Is How We Treat Those In The Faith.

1. Showing goodness towards a brother or sister who has fallen. *Galatians 6:10*
 - The Act of Restoration
Go to that brother/sister privately with the goal of restoring them. *Galatians 6:1a*
 - The Aim of Restoration
To pray for repentance from the sin and restored relationships. *1st John 1:9*
 - The Attitude of Restoration
Have a spirit of meekness and love because we could just as easily fall into the same temptation. *1st Corinthians 10:12*

Brothers and sisters, goodness is a spiritual quality that God expects to see in the life of every Believer.