

The Fruit of the Spirit – Goodness

An Introduction

A story is told in the book of Mark where a man comes to Jesus and says, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus responds, saying, “No one is good except God alone.” (Mark 10) Do you agree? What makes someone good?

Read 2 Peter 1:5-7

Exploring the Passage

- 1) There is a long range of steps to go from faith to love. The first one, foundational to the rest, is goodness. Why do you think it needs to be first?
- 2) What makes goodness come from the Holy Spirit?

Charting the Course

- 1) Adding goodness is a response to God’s provision and promises. How can you “add goodness” to your personality?

[His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life] For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.