

The Fruit of the Spirit – Goodness Selfless Care for Others

Hebrew

goodness טוב *tuv* goodness

Isiah 63:7 I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,
the praises of the LORD,
according to all that the LORD has granted us,
and the great **goodness** to the house of Israel
that he has granted them according to his compassion,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

Greek

goodness ἀγαθωσύνη *agathōsunē*

the act of generous giving, with the implication of its relationship to goodness — ‘to be generous, generosity.’

Rom. 15:14 I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of **goodness**, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.

Questions to Ponder

What are some of the ways goodness is demonstrated in the life of the believer?

What evidence is there that the fruit of goodness is being produced in your life?

Of the three characteristics of the Good Samaritan—compassion, extravagant giving, and generous investment of time—which is most difficult for you to show?

For the characteristic(s) that is/are most difficult for you, what steps can you take to make it more joyful and God honoring?

Word Study (NASB 95)

Old Testament

Ex. 18:9; Ex. 33:19

2 Sam. 2:6

1 Kings 8:66

2 Chr. 7:10

Neh. 9:25, 35

Psa. 25:7; 27:13; 31:19; 65:4; 68:10; 145:7

Is. 63:7

Jer. 31:14

Hos. 3:5

Psa. 27:13 I believe that I shall look upon the **goodness** of the LORD
in the land of the living!

Psa. 31:19 Oh, how abundant is your **goodness**,
which you have stored up for those who fear you
and worked for those who take refuge in you,
in the sight of the children of mankind!

Psa. 65:4 Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!
We shall be satisfied with the **goodness** of your house,
the holiness of your temple!

Psa. 68:10 your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your **goodness**, O God, you provided for the needy.

Psa. 145:7 They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant **goodness**
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

New Testament

Rom. 15:14 I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of **goodness**, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, **goodness**, faithfulness,

Eph. 5:9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is **good** and right and true),

2 Th. 1:11 To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling
and may fulfill every resolve for **good** and every work of faith by his power,

Philem. 14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your **goodness**
might not be by compulsion but of your own accord.