
The Mark of Goodness

Goodness is revealed in what we do for others.
Galatians 5:22-23, 1 Timothy 6:17-18, Ephesians 2:8-10

We live with abundance.

Time, Talent, Resources (Money)

My Goodness (good deeds):

Ephesians 2:8-10

- Should point to God, not me. Matthew 5:14-16
- Must help others in a way they need it not the way I want to give it. Acts 10:38, Matthew 5:41
- Will Glorify God through His Church.
Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 4:33-34

Goodness trusts God to give of the richness provided by Him.

We give:

- Strategically. 2 Corinthians 9:7
- Teaches us to put God first. Deuteronomy 14:23
- Increases my faith in God. Malachi 3:10,
2 Corinthians 8:7
- Sacrificially. Luke 21:1-3

To prepare for this week's meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great meeting as you come together to connect and encourage one another to grow.

Read and discuss 1 Timothy 6:17-18, Ephesians 2:8-10, and Matthew 5:14-16.

How has God equipped you with talents and abilities to carry out good works?

When you help others, do you tend to help others in the way they need it or in the way you want to give it? Explain.

What do you think it would like for you to serve others outside of your comfort zone? How do you think it would affect you?

How have the good deeds of others in your church helped you spiritually and in times of need?

Describe a time when God used you to make a difference in someone else's life.

Read and discuss 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, 1 Timothy 6:18, Malachi 3:10, and Luke 21:1-3.

Do you think God really needs our money? Why or why not?

How did your parents' attitude toward giving affect your own?

Is God truly first in your life? If not, what are you going to do about that question?

Describe a time when you gave something to bless someone else and in return you were also blessed.

What blessings have you seen from tithing? If you're not tithing, what strategy do you have for giving?

How are you going to be more generous in your giving?

Next Steps:

What's one good deed you'll commit to doing this week to help someone else?

What's one change you need to make in your life in order to become more intentional or generous in your giving?

TAKE THE THREE MONTH TITHE CHALLENGE

1. Commit to put God as your first priority.

The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. Deuteronomy 14:23 TLB

2. Trust God by committing to return to God 10% of your income for 90 days through giving on Sunday or online or by mail.

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Malachi 3:10a

3. Record what God has done in your Life for 90 days. Share the blessing by sharing your story.

'Test me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.' Malachi 3:10b

"...But from this day on I will bless you." Haggai 2:19

Name _____

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Take steps to become rich in doing good deeds/ and giving by reading and talking over the following Bible passages this week.

Day 1: 1 Timothy 6:17-18 / 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Day 2: Ephesians 2:1-10 / Malachi 3:6-12

Day 3: Matthew 5:13-1 / 1 Timothy 6:17-18

Day 4: Acts 10:34-38 / Luke 21:1-4

Day 5: Matthew 5:38-42 / 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Day 6: Hebrews 10:23-25 / Deuteronomy 26:1-15

Day 7: Acts 4:32-35 / Mark 14:1-11