



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

GOODNESS

*Agathosune from agathos -benevolent, profitable, benefiting others- describes active goodness, virtue, excellence or beneficence (charity, mercy, kindness). It is high moral character reflected in to being good in both nature and effectiveness. Agathosune finds its fullest and highest expression in that which is willingly and sacrificially done for others.

It is _____ and _____ excellence manifested in _____.

Romans 15:14

*I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of **goodness**, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct (or _____) one another.*

Romans 15:1-3

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. ²Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up.

³For even Christ did not please Himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult You have fallen on Me."

Living _____ and _____ so as to help others and build them up will strengthen God's kingdom.

Ephesians 5: 8-11

⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of the light consists in all _____, _____ and _____) ¹⁰and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

Just as _____ exposes darkness, _____ exposes sin.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12- a letter from Paul, Silas and Timothy

¹¹ With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling, and that by His power He may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. ¹² We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.^[a]

Goodness is prompted by _____.

Beth Moore- Agathosune does not spare sharpness and rebuke to cause good in others. A person may display his agathosune, his zeal for goodness and truth in rebuking, correcting or chastising.

Moral and spiritual excellence manifested in active and _____ kindness.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

John 2:13-22- near the beginning of His earthly ministry.

Matthew 21:12-13- near the end of His earthly ministry.

Paul- Acts 14:1-20

Moral and spiritual excellence manifested in active and zealous kindness for the _____ .

The Samaritan Woman- John 4:1-39

To operate in the fruit of goodness, we must be _____.

What can help us operate in goodness?

1 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,*

¹⁷ *so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for _____ .*

Part of goodness is _____, as Christ has been merciful to us, we should be _____ to others.

1 Timothy 1:15-17

¹⁵ *Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display His immense patience as an example for those who would believe in Him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

