

A Worship Minute.....

The "fruit of the Spirit" describes characteristics we could never have without the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. Goodness is certainly one of them. The Greek word *agathosune* doesn't just refer to an attitude or a motivation, but a lifestyle characterized by virtue and helpfulness.

To be filled with goodness is to live a life of doing good things for others (Matthew 7:17-18; Luke 6:45). "Good" here has the taste of righteousness in it. To do a good deed is to treat others justly and also to endorse virtue.

God is good. Through the work of the Holy Spirit in us, God reproduces His goodness in our hearts, and it shows in our lives. This goodness empowers us to live lives characterized by the desire to act righteously and for the practical benefit of others. As others see the work of God in us, they will "give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).