

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
WEEK 07
THE FRUIT OF GOODNESS

GOODNESS

- *Agathosune*
 - Where we get the name Agatha from
 - Conveys the idea of benevolence & generosity toward someone else, a going the second mile when such magnanimity is not required.
 - *Agathosune* is therefore active—even aggressive—goodness.
 - It is more than an excellence of character; it is character energized, expressing itself in active good.
 - *Agathosune* is goodness, but it does not spare sharpness and rebuke to produce good in others.
 - God can correct, sometimes very severely, and it is goodness in action.
 - Parents can correct their child, and it is good because it helps produce a responsible adult.
- God is good
 - God is good to us
 - *The LORD is good to all, & his mercy is over all that he has made.* – Psalm 145:9
- Goodness always involves particular ways of behaving
- Goodness involves not only right behavior, but also avoiding evil.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. In what areas of your life do you lack goodness?
2. Who is someone that you know that you would label is being good? What actions or characteristics make you think that?
3. What can you do to choose to be “good” each day in your life?

4. Are you benevolent or generous to others around you? Why or why not?
5. God is good to us; in what ways do we see his goodness in our lives?
6. How should God's goodness towards us transform how we think, act, speak, & treat others?
7. What are some concrete things you can do to choose to be good in your life?