

Equipped: Goodness

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Bible Reference:

2 Peter 1:5-7 NIV

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

What Is “Goodness”?

- Goodness is a quality _____.
- Goodness is a life above _____.
- Goodness is _____.
- With goodness I live life in a way that _____ God, brings _____ to God, and _____ other people towards God.
- Genuine goodness can't help but be _____ by those around it.
- Goodness is about a long _____ in the same _____.
- Goodness is a _____ where God _____ up.

Cultivating Goodness

#1 Goodness is cultivated in our lives when God's

_____ matters most.

#2 Goodness is cultivated through _____.

#3 Goodness is cultivated when we live for the _____ life
rather than this _____.

Reflection Questions:

- Where in your life are you feeling pressure right now?
- When you think of how you might respond to that pressure what would it look like for you to...
 - Respond poorly?
 - Respond well?
- Because of how God equipped them, the Mariana Snailfish are not only surviving under pressure but thriving. Do you believe that you could actually thrive under the pressure you're facing?
- How was goodness defined in the message? Which aspects of it stood out most to you?
- As goodness was illustrated in Daniel's life, which aspects of it stood out most to you?
- Where have you seen God show up in the midst of goodness?
- How might adding goodness to your faith help you meet the challenges that you are facing now and do meet them well?
- Which aspect of cultivating goodness do you need to pursue most?

#1 Goodness is cultivated in our lives when God's opinion matters most.

#2 Goodness is cultivated through practice.

#3 Goodness is cultivated when we live for the next life rather than this one.

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