The Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness

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- 1. Our problem with goodness.
 - Fallen humans often speak: "My goodness compared to people".
 - The enemy of God's goodness is <u>envy</u> because it <u>forgets</u> God's goodness <u>poured out</u> in the <u>past</u>.
- 2. Genuine goodness has only one source. Mark 10:17
 - Jesus says, "God is the <u>only source</u> of goodness."
 - The idea that "God is Good" is a major source of <u>doubt</u>.
 - We tend to <u>overestimate</u> our goodness.
- 3. The practice of goodness. Matt. 25:14-30
 - Being good results in <u>doing good</u>! Micah 6:8
 - What has changed? Gal. 6:9, Rom. 12:1-2
 - The goodness God wants from us argues from what <u>the word</u> says, not what <u>I think</u>.

Application:

• Listen to your <u>inner voice</u>, is there any sign of God's goodness? Do you hear goodness from <u>God's word or just your opinion</u>?