

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



Fruit *of* *the* Spirit

evidence that God is at work in your life

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

- **Galatians 5:22-23** — *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”*

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

- God the Father wants to transmit and impart **9 specific elements** of the fruit of the Holy Spirit up into our personalities

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- God wants all of us to enter into a true sanctification process with Him so that He can begin the process of molding, shaping, and transforming us into the express image of His Son Jesus Christ

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- When we're filled with the Holy Spirit we'll evidence the **fruit of the Spirit** in our lives

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The Fruit of the Spirit

Goodness

GOODNESS

- One of our problems with goodness is the same problem we have with love
- The word “**good**” is used in so many ways, just as we use the word “**love**.”

GOODNESS

- We love our children, we love ice cream, & we love a beautiful sunset, but each of these “**loves**” are entirely different

GOODNESS

- *"the quality or state of being good"* – Merriam Webster Dictionary

GREEK WORD FOR GOODNESS

- **AGATHOSUNE** –
denotes goodness

GOODNESS IN THE BIBLE

- The Bible tells us that “***God is good***”
- Since God is holy, pure, forgiving and generous.
- If we are good we will display these characteristics

GOODNESS IN THE BIBLE

- Opening chapters of Genesis – at the end of his act of creation God said “*It is good*”
- Anything that pleases God is “*good*”

GOODNESS IN THE BIBLE

- ***“goodness is doing the right thing for the right reason”***

JESUS THE BEST EXAMPLE

- The temptation account of Jesus in **Luke 4**
- **Temptation of selfishness**
- **Temptation of compromise**
- **Temptation of popularity**

JESUS THE BEST EXAMPLE

- **Temptation of selfishness –**
Luke 4:3-4 – *“The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.’ Jesus answered, ‘It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”*

JESUS THE BEST EXAMPLE

- But here is Satan, trying to get Jesus to focus on Himself
- Satan always tempts us in our area of weakness and Jesus had been fasting for 40 days

JESUS THE BEST EXAMPLE

- He was extremely hungry and it would have been so easy for Him to have used His power to do what Satan suggested



JESUS THE BEST EXAMPLE

- If Satan could just get Jesus to be concerned about satisfying His own needs, of making things easy for Himself, of taking the easy way out, then Jesus would never be willing to pray, “***Not my will, but thine be done***”

JESUS THE BEST EXAMPLE

- **Temptation of compromise** – **Luke 4:5-7** – *“The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours.””*

JESUS THE BEST EXAMPLE

- Satan says, “*I have control over the people of this world. They’re serving me. So let’s make a deal. Don’t set your standards so high. Just compromise with me and all this can be yours.*”

JESUS THE BEST EXAMPLE

- There is nothing wrong with material things
- God gave them to us
- But who is really the owner of the things that we have?
- Is God the owner or am I?

JESUS THE BEST EXAMPLE

- If God is the owner then my responsibility is to be a good steward of it and to make sure that God is exalted by the way I use it

JESUS THE BEST EXAMPLE

- **Temptation of popularity** – **Luke 4:9-12** – *“The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. For it is written:*

JESUS THE BEST EXAMPLE

- **Temptation of popularity** – **Luke 4:9-12** – “““*He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.*””

JESUS THE BEST EXAMPLE

- **Temptation of popularity** –
Luke 4:9-12 – “*Jesus answered, ‘It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”*

JESUS THE BEST EXAMPLE

- Here is Satan taking scripture out of context and he does it very well
- He is tempting Jesus to do something spectacular to amaze the crowds and show them His power

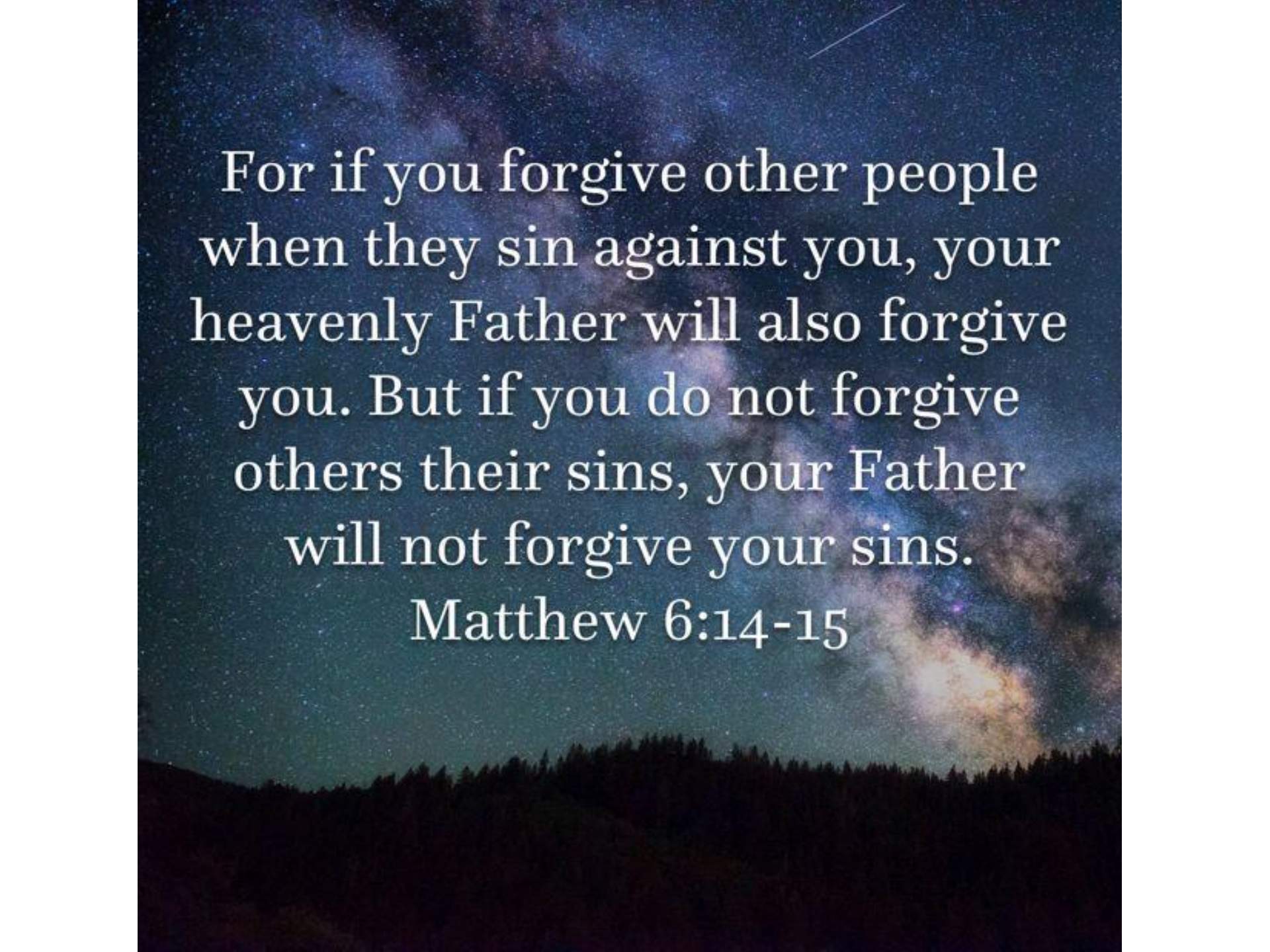
JESUS THE BEST EXAMPLE

- Some churches are constantly being tempted to focus on more and more spectacular services because they want to be popular
- But the right thing to do is to focus on Jesus as our Savior and our Lord

WAYS TO DISPLAY GOODNESS

- **1. Forgive** – **Matthew 6:14-15** –
God's forgiveness is blocked by
my unforgiving spirit



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For if you forgive other people
when they sin against you, your
heavenly Father will also forgive
you. But if you do not forgive
others their sins, your Father
will not forgive your sins.

Matthew 6:14-15

WAYS TO DISPLAY GOODNESS

2. Purity – Uprightness of heart and life/moral and spiritual excellence – Our culture embraces impurity and is constantly telling us that everybody is doing it



1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

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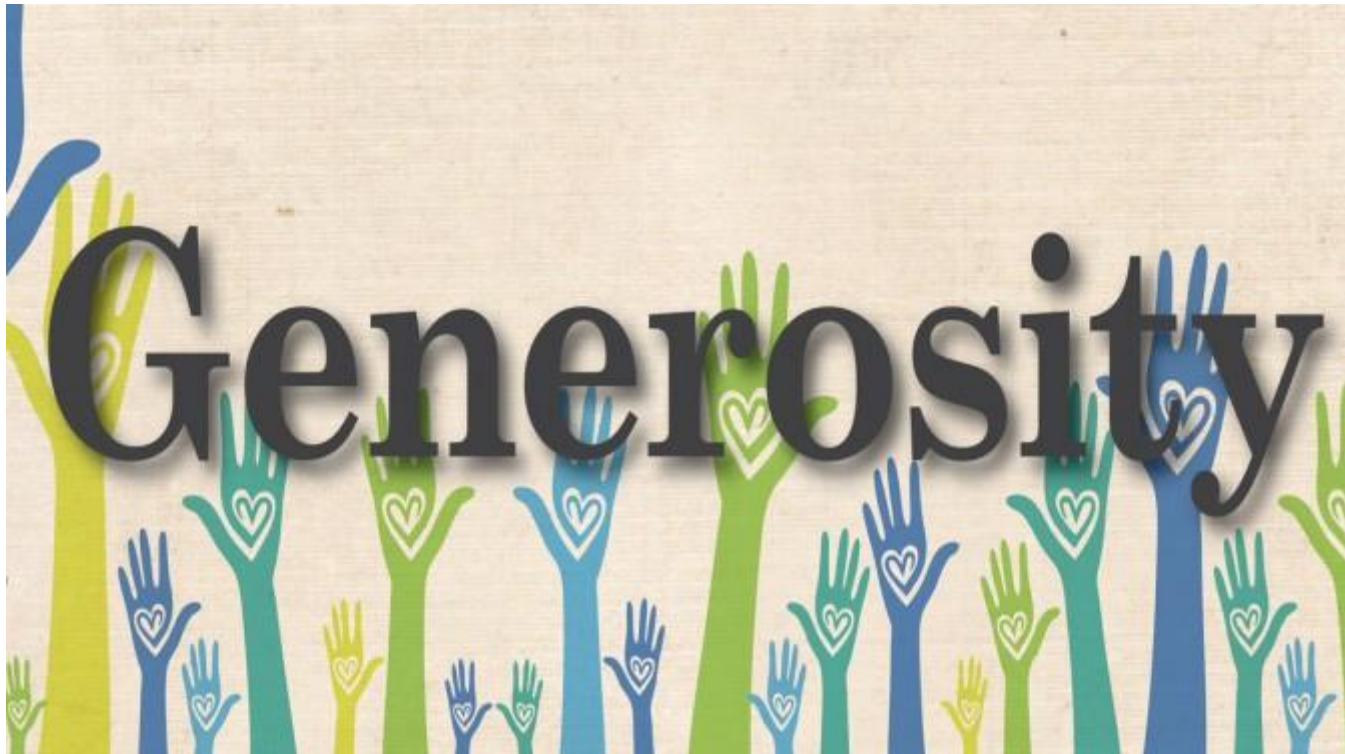
- **3. Graciousness** – A gracious person is one who has a heart of compassion
- He/she looks around & sees others who are suffering & need his/her help
- So wherever he/she can reach out & help them, he/she does

WAYS TO DISPLAY GOODNESS

- **3. Graciousness** – Others may never know
- You may never hear a “*thank you*”
- But one day you will hear the voice of God Himself, “*Well done, good & faithful servant.*” And that’s all the recognition we need

WAYS TO DISPLAY GOODNESS

- **4. Generosity** – **1 John 3:1**



How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be **called children of God!**

And that is what we are!

1 John 3:1

WAYS TO DISPLAY GOODNESS

- **4. Generosity** – ***"You never look more like God than when you are giving"***
- Don't give out of guilt
- Don't give out of obligation
- Give because it's the right thing to do

WHY IS GOODNESS IMPORTANT

- We are created by God to do good works – Ephesians 2:10
- We are called to imitate what is good – III John 11
- We are called to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord – Colossians 1:10

KINDNESS

- ***“The spiritual fruit of goodness enables sinful man to do good and to be good—good in the truest sense of the word. Goodness, after all, is the essence of God's nature”***

NEXT

FAITHFULNESS