

## “GOODNESS”

Fixer Upper #6

*“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves. . . **Not lovers of the good**”*

2 Timothy 3:1-3 (NIV)

### I. THE STANDARD OF GOODNESS: **GOD**

*“A certain ruler asked him, ‘Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ ‘Why do you call me good?’ Jesus answered, **no one is good - except God alone.**”*

Luke 18:18-19 (NIV)

*“For **the Lord is good.** His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.”*

Psalms 100:5 (NLT)

### II. THE STEP TOWARD GOODNESS: **SURRENDER**

*“‘There is still one thing you lack.’ Jesus said. ‘Sell all you have and give the money to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me’ But when the man heard this, he became sad because he was very rich.”*

Luke 18:22-23 (NLT)

*“He saved us - not because we were good enough to be saved but because of his kindness. . . Because of what Jesus Christ our savior did so that he could **declare us good in God’s eyes**”*

Titus 3:5-7 (LB)

### III. THE STRATEGY FOR GROWING IN GOODNESS

#### 1. **PLACE YOURSELF IN SOUL-BUILDING ENVIRONMENTS**

*“Good People bring good things out of the good stored up in them.”*

Matthew 12:35 (TNIV)

*“But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy peace, patience, kindness, **goodness**”*

Galatians 5:22 (NLT)

*“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the day approaching.”*

Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)

#### 2. **SERVE OTHERS CONSISTENTLY AND FAITHFULLY**

*“For we are God’s workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus to do good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

*“Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.”*

Proverbs 3:27 (NIV)

*“Let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up the time will come when we will reap the harvest.”*

Galatians 6:9