

Goodness

God is a good, good Father and when we abide in Him we reflect His goodness to others.

What does it mean to abide in Jesus? Let's look at John 15: 4-5 (ESV).

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. **5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

When we abide with God we choose to stay focused on Him and the Bible guides us in our lives daily. We abide by reading the scriptures and applying them to our lives by the ways that we love and serve others.

What are ways that God has shown goodness to us? Here are some scriptures that you can read to search for God's goodness:

Galatians 5:22-23, Psalm 25:7, Ephesians 2:10, Philemon 1:13-14, Galatians 6:9, Psalm 107:1, Ephesians 4:32, 1 John 4:19, 1 Timothy 4:12, John 3:16, Genesis 1:27

Read Psalm 31:19 and Zechariah 9:16-17a

“Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!” (Psalm 39:19)

“On that day the Lord their God will save them, as the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty!” (Zechariah 9:16-17a)

What do we learn about God’s goodness from these 2 verses?

God has promised His goodness to us. This means that whatever happens in our lives, even the hard and difficult times, God ultimately intends it for our good. And because He is completely good, it is impossible for Him to do anything not good. When you see and go through terrible times, you have to learn to cling to this truth. Our God is good, all of the time, and the things we think are intended for our harm, He intends for our good.

Read Galatians 6:9 and Ephesian 2:10.

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:9)

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10)

What did you learn about God’s goodness from these two verses?

God has created us to *do good*. Doing good may be difficult and challenging, but it is also rewarding. We grow more like Christ, we learn how to be compassionate and loving to the poor and needy. We experience the love of people we may have never talked to before.

Think about some ways that you can “do good” to serve others. You could serve your community, friends, family and neighbors. Draw a picture or write about a way that you could serve someone or a group of people in some way. If you have an idea of how Linworth Kids could serve others we’d love to hear your ideas! Please ask your parents to help you with sending a message to Mrs. King.