

GOOD WORK

Fruitfulness is not about doing more stuff but about being more like Christ. So, we want to be intentional this year in identifying and studying how we can be more like Him. One of the ways we're seeking to do that is through studying the fruits of the Spirit. In this series, we will investigate goodness, the sixth "fruit of the Spirit" that Paul identified in Galatians 5:22, by looking at the most relevant passages that address it.

All throughout the New Testament, Christians are instructed to be good and do good. Despite this emphasis on being and doing good, only three individuals in the New Testament are identified as "good" or specifically said to have done good.

1	of Arimathea was identifie	ed as a "goodma	an" (Luke 23:50-53)	
2	_ was described as being "f	full of good works'	' (Acts 9:36-39)	
3	_ was called a "good man"	(Acts 11:22-24)		
The common theme between these individuals is more of somethingthan is strictly				
wa	as	_ generous.		
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If you're lacking in the fruit of goodness or unsure of how to cultivate it, then start by being generous. Generosity might now be the ENTIRETY of goodness, but it is certainly an ELEMENT of goodness.

¹ Google definition accessed on 9/20/25.

