**Be Fruitful and Multiply**

**Being A Do-Gooder Is Not a Bad Thing: Part 3**

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# SERMON DESCRIPTION/BACKGROND

The premise of the message is that God’s people are to go about doing good. This was God’s plan from the very beginning, and we find this in the Book of Genesis. God told Adam and Eve that the garden was good, in other words, that it was functioning properly. However, they were put in the garden, not only to steward the garden, but to expand it throughout the rest of the earth. The ultimate plan was that the entire earth would look like the garden. Particularly, their responsibility was to multiply the “good” that they saw.

It is not a bad thing to be good!

**Recent Changes**

Unfortunately, post-modern thinking has turned what is good into evil and what is evil into good. The world system does not celebrate good things, but rather it has redefined what they are. If you do good things, according to the principles of the Bible, you are labelled a hater but, if you go around doing evil things, that the world now labels “good”, then you are celebrated.

**The World’s Idea of Good**

* Mutilate children’s sexual organs
* The re-definition of marriage
* Arresting Pastors and shutting down churches
* Multiple genders
* Persecution of Christians
* Labeling the Bible as hate literature
* Sexualize children as early as possible.

**Vocabulary**

Consider the changes in our vocabulary. An entire generation will be born not even knowing or recognizing that the following terms were actually meant to describe negative phenomena. Negative words are now positive words that describe amazing situations or events.

**Disgusting**: Commonly used to describe a person who plays an instrument really well

Example of context: He’s disgusting on bass.

**Sick:** Still used/not that rare - to describe something as cool or special
Example of context: That car looks sick.

**Wicked:** Describing something that is amazing or cool or on par with awesome

**Fire**: Meaning trendy, on point, amazing
It can be used to compliment a person or a word to describe someone.
Example of context: “Your shoes are fire” or “You look fire”.

**Dead:** Something that is so funny you “die” of laughter.
Example of context: I’m dead or I’m dying.

**Dope:** Something that is extremely positive.

Positive words having a negative context (these terms drip with sarcasm)

* That’s so sweet
* Well done
* I just can’t wait
* Looking forward to it
* Necklace – meaning a noose.

# SERMON DESCRIPTION

Do not let anybody convince you that being bad is better than being good because God has placed you in a good place, to be good and do good.

# SERMON QUESTIONS & OBJECTIVES

1. What do we need to know?
* God has made us good and to go about doing good.

1. Why do we need to know it?
* If we know we are good, we will do good.

1. How should we apply it?
* Be good in all that we accomplish.

# OPENING LINE

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# INTRODUCTION OF THE SERMON

Remember when we were in school? Think back to your classroom for a moment. Did you ever notice where people sat within the room? Normally, the smart kids, who are usually the nerds, would sit at the front near the teacher. These kids would be labeled the teacher’s pet, while the troublemakers would sit in the back, they were the rebels and usually the cool kids. Everyone else would sit somewhere in the middle not wanting to be associated with either group and chose the safety and neutrality of the middle. Where did you sit in the class?

# CENTRAL TRUTH

Good people do good things because they serve a good God and they:

* Go about doing good
* Spread good
* Increase the good.

# MAIN PASSAGE

**Acts 10:38**

…how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

**Matthew 25:23**

His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

 **Thoughts From the Passage**

1. In this passage, we see the Trinity in full function and force. The Father being with the Son and the Spirit of God anointing the Son
2. Jesus made it His ministry platform to do good
3. Jesus, as our example, went about doing good things for people
4. The good that Jesus did also included healing all who were oppressed by the devil, therefore, destroying any work of the devil is considered a good thing
5. Jesus multiplied the good of the Kingdom of God
6. Jesus was able to do this because He was anointed of the Holy Spirit and because God, His Father, was with Him.

# MAIN POINTS

Good – ***it means that which functions well*** – Genesis

In Genesis 1, during the creation process, God uses the term “good” six times, and the term “very good” once. After each of the five days God reviews His work and calls it good. On the sixth day of creation, when He had created Adam and Eve, He looked at His work and said it was “very good”.

Question:

If God has placed us in a good place, how do we now go about multiplying good?

**Four Components to the Composition of the Word Good**

1. **Moral Excellence:** Biblical character on display
	1. The idea of being good - demonstrating biblical character within everyday life
	2. In the Book of Daniel, it was said of Daniel that the Spirit of the Holy Gods abides within him
	3. Jesus said, “Let your light shine”
	4. If you are a good person, then you will do good things
	5. Emotional Intelligence or EQ - When we operate in moral excellence, even our emotional intelligence is impacted. For example, God had a healthy view of His own work in creation, and He was able to say that it was good without being conceited or arrogant
	6. What is good?
	* The will of God

**Romans 12:2**

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

* 1. Do not get tired of being and doing good

**Galatians 6:9-10**

9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**2Thessalonians 3:13**

But *as for* you, brethren, do not grow weary *in* doing good.

Let us get real for a moment. Being good can become very tiresome even to the point of exhaustion, particularly, when everyone around us seems to be practising evil and getting away with it. There is nothing more frustrating than to watch people do the wrong thing and yet be rewarded for it. This can be downright infuriating. In fact, it could lead us into temptation to do the wrong things ourselves. We can ask ourselves the question, “What’s the use?” There just does not seem to be a difference between the good and the evil. Even songs have been written about this very topic. For example, *“Only the Good Die Young” by Billy Joel.*

The Apostle Paul told Titus that Elders should be trained to love that which is good. Even in relationships, sometimes people are attracted to the bad person or to the trouble maker.

* 1. What good did Jesus do on earth?
* Fed the hungry
* Healed the sick
* Delivered people from the demonic
* Taught the truth
* Blessed people
* Gave people purpose
* Called people
* Lived and died
* Established spirit and truth worship
* Destroyed the works of the devil.

Ask yourself the question: What is the good or right thing to do?

1. **Efficiency:** That which functions well
	1. The efficiency that is found within good is that things function well, it is a combination of “Spirit” and “systems.”
* Operational Excellence Function – that which works well – that things are good
* Spirit (power and anointing) plus systems = efficiency
* The Spirit must always have the prominence, the purpose of systems is to support spirit
* For example: Every river needs sandbags surrounding it so that it does not overflow
	1. Example - The early church ran into trouble in the feeding of the widows but they put seven men full of wisdom and faith in the Holy Ghost to take on the responsibility. These men created a system that solved the problem moving forward.
	2. Illustration: Currently teaching three courses at CCC now and I did not even ask for a teaching assistant. Before I called on God, He answered me and provided me with a teaching assistant.
	3. Paul left Titus in Crete that he might set Elders in place and establish order
	4. The house of God is to function with decency and order
	5. Holy Spirit sets order – Genesis 1
	6. The Bible is full of people and examples of good works, from Genesis to Revelation, it speaks of exploits and demonstrations of God’s power working through His people
* In the Old Testament there are 446 matches for the word good and 257 matches in the New Testament for a total of 703
	1. Examples of good systems:
* Joseph created a system within Egypt that saved Israel from starvation
* Joseph created a system within the prison that caused it to prosper
* King David created a worship system within Israel that put God at the centre of the dead lives – worship that was named after God’s own heart
* Moses led the children of Israel out of bondage by the power of God, strategy and systems
* The Apostle Paul spread the Gospel in the pagan world
* Paul created a system to help distribute riches between the rich and poor churches.
1. **Proficiency:** A high degree of skill and expertise
	1. The idea that people are excellent at what they do, but they have both developed their hard and soft skills. This can include spiritual gifts and anointing
	2. Illustration - would you be comfortable with a surgeon that was simply punctual and caring but not “good: at his craft?
	3. That person is good at what they do
* You were made to do good works

**Ephesians 2:10**

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works,** which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

* Multiply, good opportunities
* Develop a skill that God has given you.
	1. Examples:
* Paul indicated that the Lord has given him the anointing to be a wise master builder
* David was excellent at the sling and stone but eventually moved beyond it
* Nehemiah declared that he was doing a good work and rebuilding the wall
* The prophets were skilled in the school of the prophets to hear the voice of the Lord and declare His will
* Daniel and the three Hebrew children were 10 times better than everyone else
* King Solomon, no one possessed the wisdom of this king in all the Earth
* Luke was an excellent doctor
* Peter and Andrew were excellent fishermen.
1. **Dynamic Power:** Having power and dominion
2. The idea that when the power of God is moving, and good things are happening. The Kingdom of God is:
* Advancing
* Invading the Earth
* Penetrating the darkness
* Destroying the works of the devil.
1. Jesus was anointed and utilized the power of God to heal all who were oppressed of the devil
2. Examples:
* Goodness is a weapon - overcome evil with good

**Romans 12:21**

Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

* The Deacons fed the widows and laid hands on the sick

**Acts 6:7**

Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

# QUOTES & STICKY STATEMENTS

Any so-called good that is outside of the parameters that God has created, is evil.

Every day we have a choice in every circumstance, whether we are going to do good or evil.

The purpose of our conscience is to discern between good and evil. Unfortunately, the conscience has been seared.

Multiply the good that you have created.

Even our vocabulary is twisted.

Acts 10:38

**38**how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

God has put us in a good place to multiply good.

As the world gets more wicked, the reality is that we must display more of the goodness of God.

Let the good of heaven be spread on the earth.

You are an ambassador of good.

When you do good you are going to be joyful.

When you do evil you are going to be sorrowful.

You are the multipliers of the good that God has placed in you and around you.

Good = moral excellence, our character, that we are living godly lives, aligning our lives according to the will and the power of God.

Stand out in good ways.

You need to be good to do good.

If you love what is good you will attract what is good.

Because we have elevated feelings above truth, we have redefined what is good.

The world hates the Church because the world hates the light.

We ought to bring meaning back to what it means to be Christian.

Because you are willing to multiply, God sends people to help you.

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**9**And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. **10**Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Multiply the character of God; the righteousness of God. We stand out in a dark world

Good means to function well. Good is a combination of Spirit and systems. We follow the Spirit of God, but we need systems. Systems are not bad things. Many times we are after systems at the exclusion of the Spirit. The reality is that it is some of the limitations we're facing that are going to press us into being excellent. Efficiency is about following the leading of the Spirit, but we need systems. Every river has banks.

A high degree of skill and expertise. We have been made to be good in at least one thing. We multiply our gift. If we are faithful in little we will be given much.

Ephesians 2:10

You are created to do good works. Examples: David, Nehemiah, Daniel, Solomon, Peter.

Having power and dominion. Jesus brought the Kingdom wherever He went. When the power of God is moving, good things happen. Good is a weapon. You ought to be good to the unbelievers because your Father is good.

How is it that unsaved people can be good and saved people can be bad?

Do not underestimate the power of your presence.

# SERMON CONCLUSION - THE CALL TO ACTION

Our prayer should be, “Father, anoint me by your spirit, so that I can do good”

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which of the four components of good do you need to work on?
2. Provide five examples of how the world has called evil good and good evil.
3. Provide a list of an additional three systems that were good from the Scriptures. How did they help people?
4. What other items can you list that Jesus did? What good did He accomplish?
5. God was able to declare of His own work, “It is good”. What does this tell us about His emotional intelligence and what can we learn from it?
6. What does it mean to be “oppressed of the devil” and how can we minister to people that are?
7. What other systems and processes do you see within scripture? What were some of the solutions that God’s people created?