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The Fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

*** GOD IS GOOD.**

Psalm 100:5 (NLT)

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

*** HIS CREATION IS GOOD.**

Genesis 1:31 (NLT)

“Then God looked over all He had made, and He saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.”

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.”

*** WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE OUT HIS GOODNESS.**

Ephesians 5:8-9 (NLT)

⁸“For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! ⁹For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.”

- Kindness (*chrēstotēs*) – moral excellence
- Goodness (*agathōsunē*) – virtue or beneficence
- Joseph of Arimathea
 - Matthew 27:57-61, Mark 15:42-47, Luke 23:50-55, & John 19:38-42
 - Chapter 19 - “No Wonder They Call Him the Savior” by Max Lucado

Luke 23:50 (NLT)

“Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph”

- Goodness isn't easy.
- Goodness isn't expected.
- Goodness isn't passive.