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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Gal. 5:22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.* (NIV)

The sixth fruit that we have, because of the Spirit living within us, is goodness! The Greek word is **agathosune** which means *completely and constantly good and righteous*. There is no way that we could be good in and of ourselves. We are all prone to sin and we continually fail the test of goodness. But as a Christian, we now have the Holy Spirit Who lives within us and because of His presence, we can choose to be good and do what is good. **Ps. 27:13** *I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.* (NIV)

Because of our sin nature, we could never be good or full of goodness. We would constantly choose self over God. This would continually lead us down a path of sin and darkness; but praise the LORD, He has given us new life and the power to follow Him and His desires for us. **James 1:17** *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, Who does not change like shifting shadows.* (NIV)

We all know that in this world, there is a constant battle between the forces of good and evil. But I know that the LORD will prevail and that His goodness will be shown to a thousand generations through His children. We are to show the world what the LORD is like. And the best way to do this is to allow His Spirit complete control in our lives so that every good part of God can shine through His children. Just remember: God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good.

Dear LORD, thank You for being so very good to us. You are good in all of Your ways. And because You are good, You then can empower us to do good and be good in every situation. Thank You LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen