

“Do Good”
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Selected Passages (ESV)

THE TWO SIDES OF GOODNESS

1. GOODNESS BY **SUBTRACTION**: Wishing you had not done something wrong. (Colossians 3:5; Galatians 5:16-21)

- We think goodness is the byproduct of subtracting something from our lives that should not be there. While that is not incorrect, it is incomplete.

2. GOODNESS BY **ADDITION**: Wishing you had done something right. (James 4:17; Matthew 25:45)

- Goodness is not strictly the absence of badness. In fact, you can do nothing wrong and still do nothing right.
- In a world filled with suffering and injustice, our calling by God is higher than to simply avoid evil. He calls us to do good.

- Failing to do what is good is just as grievous to God as succeeding at what is evil.

- *“Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.”* – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

2017 CHALLENGE

Stop ignoring the unpleasant realities of life. Instead, commit to doing good and being a part of the solution.

KEY AREAS:

- Family relationships
- Injustice in the world
- Love for those who are far from God

CENTRAL TRUTH

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