

Good Will Toward Men

Luke 2:13-14 (KJV)

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

God Sent Us Jesus To Reconcile Us To Himself And To Each Other.

“From the very inception and announcement of the Lord Jesus Christ’s birth we are called to peace and good will towards others. From this announcement we are called upon in the truest sense to lead a life of holiness and not resist the Holy Spirit’s work in us. – Bishop Youssef

Micah 6:8 (NLT)

No, O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20a (NLT)

And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ’s ambassadors;

Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)

Jesus replied, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Jesus Truly Is The Gift That Keeps On Giving!

Jesus Really Cares How We Treat Others.

Matthew 25:34-40 (NLT)

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’

“Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ “And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’

Acts 9:1-5 (NIV)

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied.

SO, The Good And Evil We Do To Each Other We Do To Jesus.

Would I ...

Lie To Jesus?

Steal From Him?

Spread False Rumors About Him?

Would I...

Get Angry?

Be Critical ?

Hold A Grudge?

Give The Silent Treatment?

We Are The Good Will Toward Men.

The Fruits Of The Spirit Give Us The Ability To Relate To Others As Jesus Would.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Love one another

“Our imitation of God’s love is also seen in our love for others. Moreover, our love for our enemies especially reflects God’s love.” – Joe Quinn

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT)

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Patience and Gentleness

Ephesians 4:1-3 (NLT)

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

Joy – can and should be shared with others “Rejoice with those who Rejoice”
Romans 12:15

Kindness

Luke 6:35-36 (NLT)

“Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked. You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.

Romans 2:4 (NLT)

Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

Goodness

Galatians 6:10 (NLT)

Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

Self-Control

2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV)

...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Exercising self-control often means that we put other people before ourselves. It often involves putting the good of a group ahead of the good of an individual.

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