

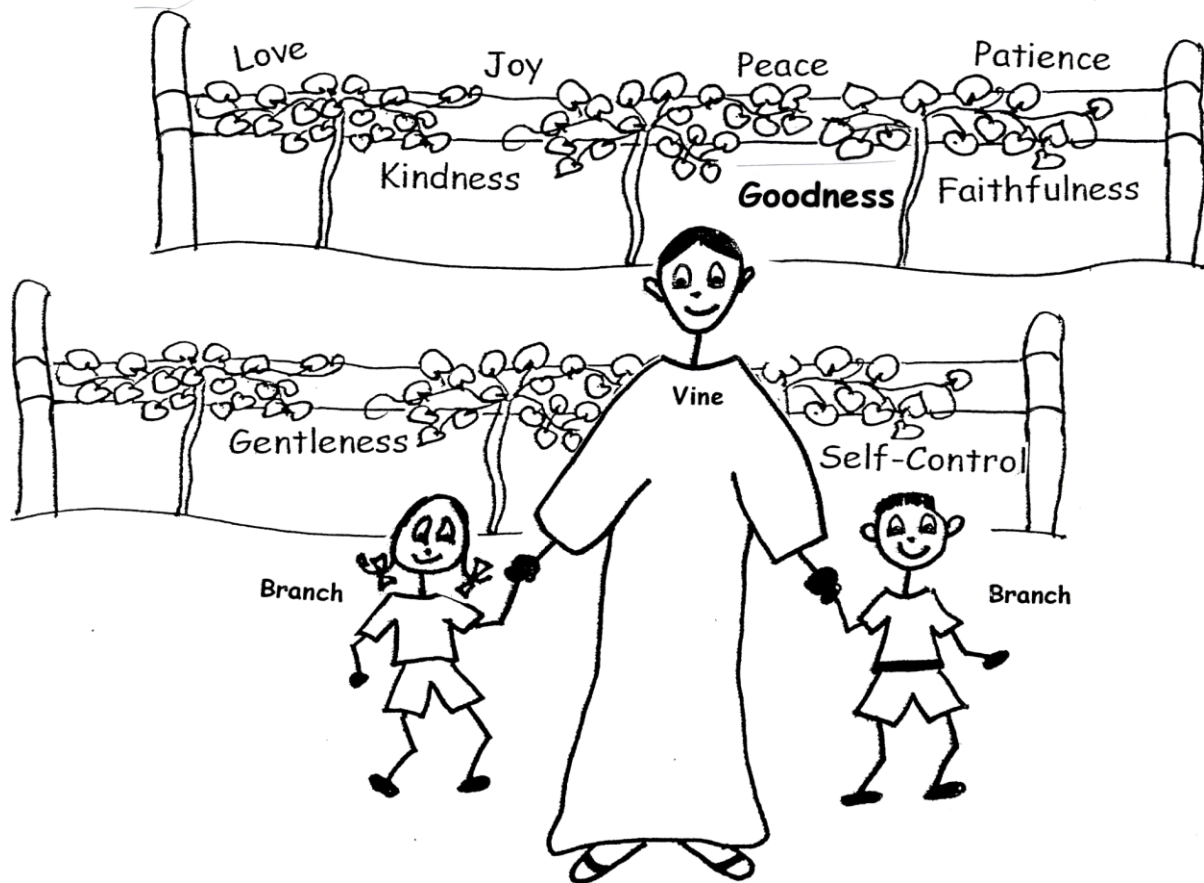
# Fruit of the Spirit

## Goodness

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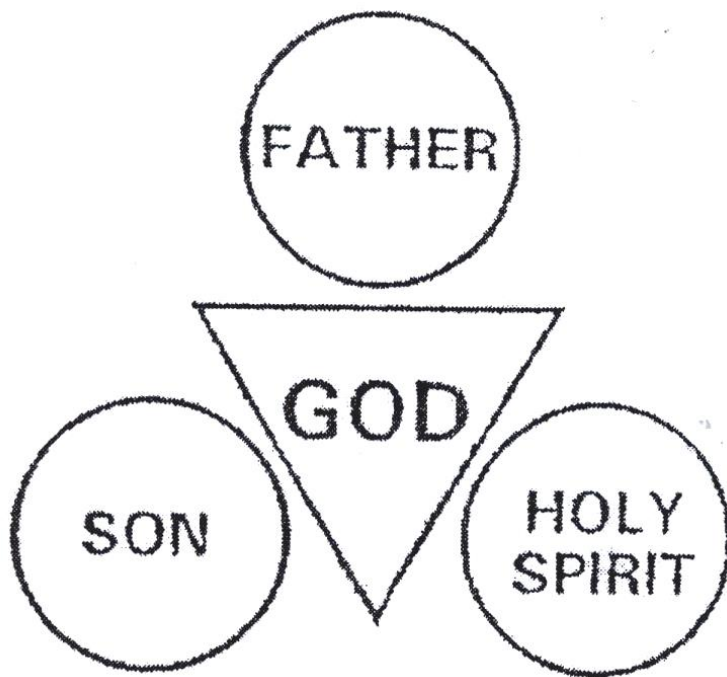
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Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control; against such things there is no law.

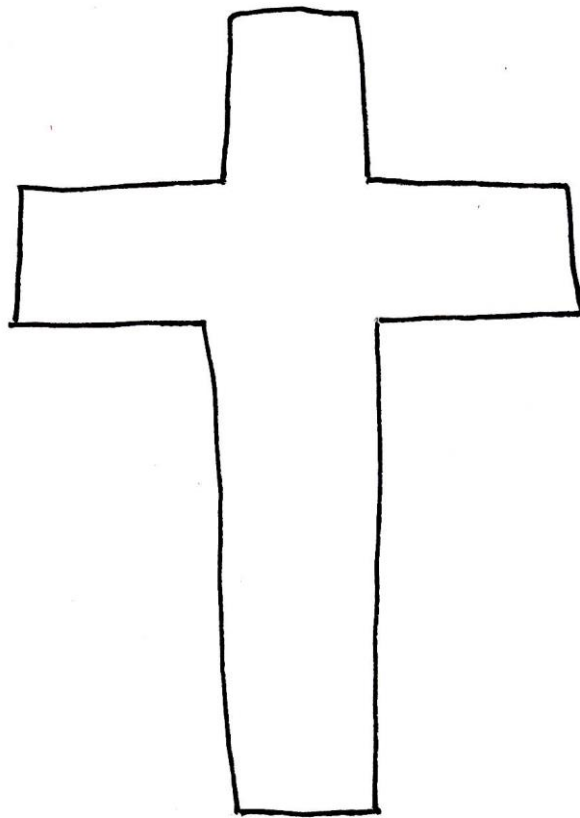
Righteousness: meeting the standards of what is right and just. God has perfect righteousness. He always does what is right and just! Therefore He is absolute goodness. He has always been, will always be, and can only be totally good. He is worthy of our trust and belief, or faith, in His goodness. God will get us through easy times and difficult times. We can and should always rely on Him! We can depend on God's goodness! God's character is completely perfect . So, everything He does is good and righteous!



**GOD IS FOR US!**

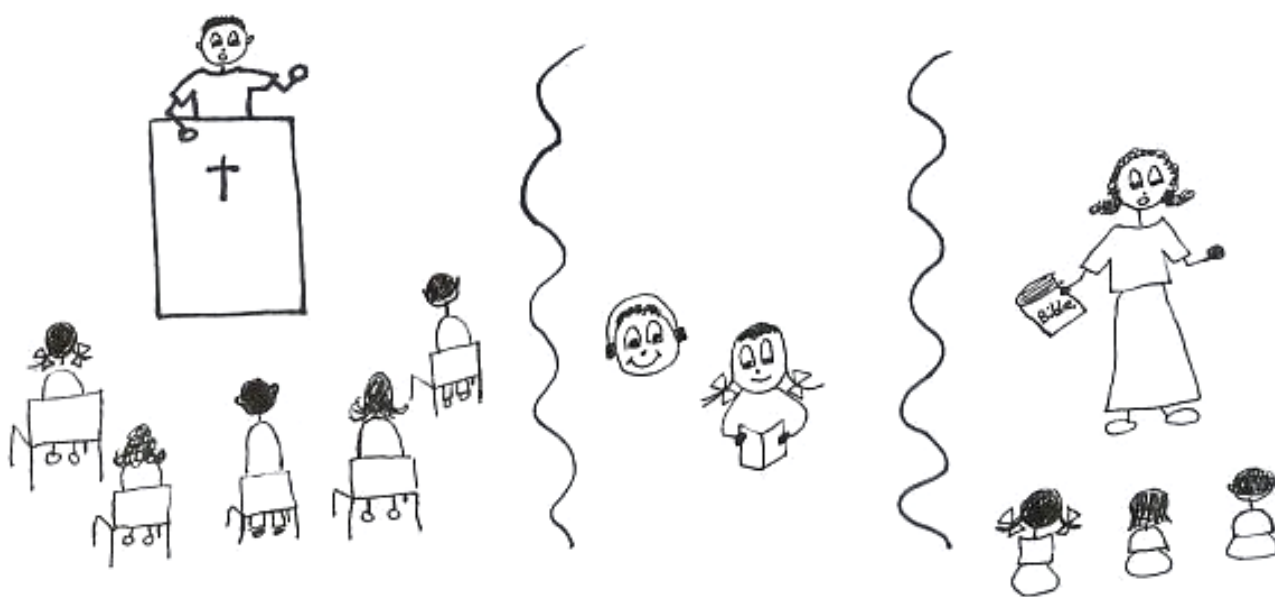
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God showing His goodness to us does not depend on what we do or don't do. God can show His goodness to us because the Lord Jesus Christ paid the price for our sins on the cross. Jesus was judged for our sins. Sin is no longer an issue. Isn't that a relief? God has set up His plan so that He is free to do good things for us. It goes back to the cross!



Colossians 1:19-20 For it was the *Father's* **good** pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

God, in His grace, has given us the power to live in His goodness. The Holy Spirit indwells our bodies and has the supernatural power to pour God's goodness into our souls! We just have to put in time to learn about God. When we hear, believe, and obey God's word, we will get to know God better and better. The Holy Spirit will make sure of that! God the Holy Spirit will teach us the goodness of God so we can understand and experience it. As we grow spiritually, we will be motivated by God's word to treat others in a good manner. We will have the right motivation. Oh goodness!



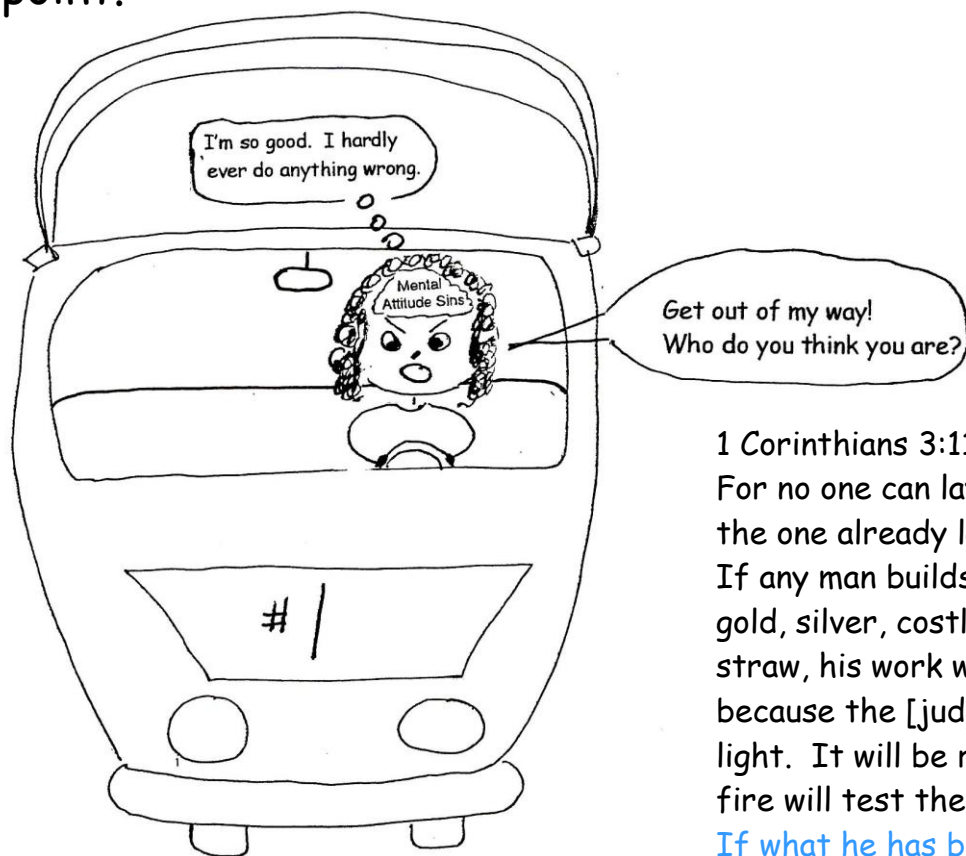
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Satan and the kingdom of darkness want us to feel inferior and guilty; they also want us to feel superior and arrogant or self-centered! They don't want us to rest in union with Christ! They don't want us to have faith in God's goodness. They want us to rely on ourselves and our human power rather than on God and His supernatural power. They put thoughts in our heads that go against the thinking of Christ! They want us to turn away from God and God's goodness. They don't want us to know and believe that Jesus Christ has done all the work on the cross for our salvation! They don't want us to rest in all the promises God has for us after salvation. They don't want our minds to be renewed by the word of God.

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is **good** and acceptable and perfect.



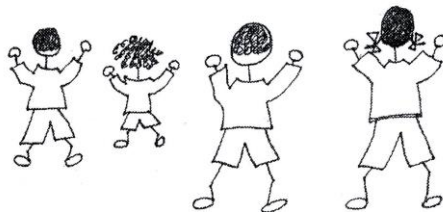
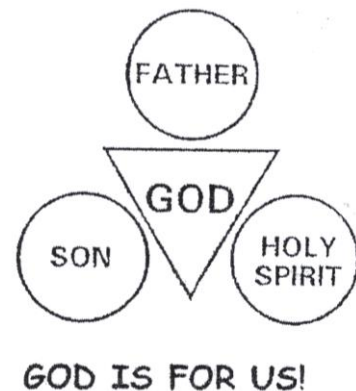
Sometimes we try to be good by using our human viewpoint rather than God's divine viewpoint. This really messes things up; we still have to deal with the power or influence of the flesh. Here we are talking about the flesh which is the manifestation or presence of sin in the body. Human viewpoint also causes blind arrogance (being self-centered) and corrupts us. It gives us a bad attitude because we make ourselves the main focus. Life becomes all about us and the deeds or works we are doing. UGLY! We usually don't even recognize this. That is why it is called blind arrogance! Corruption is not good! Our human viewpoint is not perfect like God's divine viewpoint.



1 Corinthians 3:11

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the [judgement] Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. [If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.](#) If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

Jesus followed God's commands in the Bible; He didn't rely at all on His own ability. He relied totally on God's word and upon the power of God the Holy Spirit Who lived within Him. He had faith in God. He knew God would take care of all of His needs and then some. Jesus experienced God's goodness. If we are branches rightly related to the Vine, we'll be relying on God's word and the power of the Holy Spirit, not on our own ability. We will have the thinking of Christ! We will have faith in God that He will take care of all of our needs! The Holy Spirit will produce divine good in us. God is good and He wants to share His goodness with us!

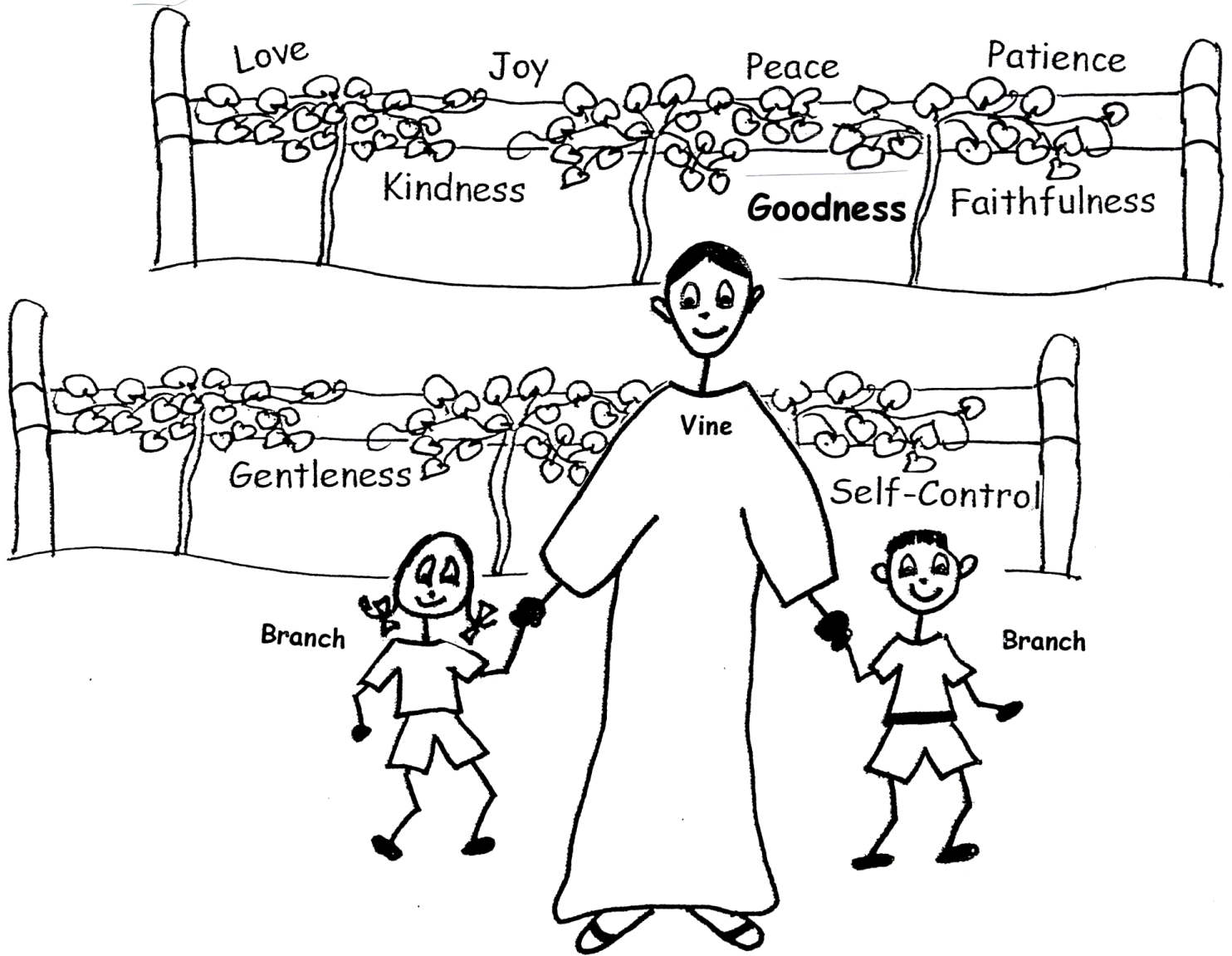


Psalm 34:8 O taste and see that the LORD is **good**; how blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Psalm 100:5 For the LORD is **good**; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.



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Psalm 119:65-68 You have dealt well with Your servant, O LORD, according to Your word. Teach me good discernment and knowledge, for I believe in Your commandments. Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word. You are **good** and do **good**; teach me Your statutes.