

“WORK WHAT IS GOOD TOWARD ALL”

Note to the speaker:

Explain how we can imitate Jehovah’s goodness by caring for others in practical ways. Emphasize that goodness is an aspect of the fruitage of God’s holy spirit

JEHOVAH TEACHES US BY EXAMPLE HOW TO DO GOOD TO OTHERS (5 min.)

Jehovah God is the greatest example of goodness (Mr 10:18)

Goodness is moral excellence; it is expressed in good and beneficial acts toward others (*it-1* 986)

Earth abounds with God’s provisions for our comfort and happiness

Through his Word, the Bible, Jehovah instructs us how to live wisely and how to cope with problems (Isa 48:17, 18)

He provides loving support and assistance (Ps 55:22; Isa 41:10, 13)

Jehovah is pleased when we do good to others [**Read Hebrews 13:16**]

God’s spirit can help us to imitate his goodness (Ga 5:22)

DO GOOD TO YOUR FAMILY (7 min.)

We should certainly do good to those closest to us—our families

We live at a time when natural love for family is in decline (2Ti 3:3)

Family relationships should be characterized by feelings of tender care (Eph 5:33; 6:4)

Parents are responsible for providing materially for their dependent children; grown children, in turn, are obligated to provide for aging parents and grandparents (Mr 7:10-13; 1Ti 5:4, 8)

Lavishing excessive material gifts on children can be harmful and shows a lack of genuine goodness (*g* 1/13 11)

Parents must instruct their children with love (De 6:6, 7; *w15* 11/15 4-5 ¶3-6; *w14* 4/15 18-19 ¶4-7)

We can show goodness to unbelieving family members by sharing Bible truth with them (*w14* 3/15 3-6)

We will achieve the best results by being tactful and respectful (1Pe 3:1, 2, 15)

DO GOOD TO FELLOW BELIEVERS (6 min.)

We should especially do good to our fellow believers [**Read Galatians 6:10**]

Jesus said that his true disciples would be recognized by the love they show to one another (Joh 13:34, 35)

We treat fellow believers with kindness and forgive them when they sin against us (Eph 4:31, 32)

Our goodness should extend to those whose background differs from our own (2Co 6:11-13; *w09* 11/15 20-22 ¶5-10)

When our fellow believers are in need materially, we come to their assistance (Jas 2:15, 16; *kr* 209-210)

DO GOOD TO THOSE YOU DO NOT KNOW (8 min.)

Many today care only for themselves or, at most, for their own family and friends (Mt 5:46, 47)

Some fail to show goodness to others because of racial, national, tribal, or social differences

Jesus corrected such erroneous thinking (Lu 10:29-37)

We obey Jesus’ command to treat all people as we wish to be treated [**Read Matthew 7:12**]

[Make appropriate local application]

Our good treatment of others does not depend on how they treat us (Mt 5:44, 45; Ro 13:8-10)

DO GOOD TO OTHERS BY KINGDOM PREACHING (4 min.)

The primary way we do good to others is by helping them to know Jehovah and to do his will

Some religious organizations engage in charitable works but neglect Jesus’ commission to proclaim God’s Kingdom (Mt 7:21-23; 24:14; *cf* 185-187 ¶10-13)

Such works may be sincere, but they do not satisfy spiritual needs or help people to gain everlasting life

Make it your goal to speak about Jehovah and his Kingdom at every appropriate opportunity

Even if you have just begun to learn the truth from the Bible, you can share what you have learned with others

Demonstrate impartiality by speaking boldly “to people of all sorts” (1Co 9:20-23)

Be assured that Jehovah God will bless and reward the goodness you show to others (Pr 11:25)

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pages 52-55, 166-169]