

*Expressions  
of Good  
Pt. 1*



*Tov  
Is  
Generosity*



## Matthew 20:1-16 (NIV)

*"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.*

*"About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.*



*"He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' "Because no one has hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.' "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'*



*"The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'*



*"But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."*

*“Or do you begrudge my generosity?” (ESV)*



# The Kingdom of Heaven Is...

- The reign of God, as a present and a future reality.
  - Is it fair and equitable?
- The goodness of God can be a stumbling block to those who assess things based upon the human ideas of worth and merit.
- As disciples of Jesus, we have to learn to think and act like God who is good and expresses His goodness in generosity.



# “We Are...Created To do Good Works”

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast.*

*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*



Doing Tov Involves Resisting Evil!



The Fruit Of The Spirit  
Is Set Against  
The Acts Of The Sinful Nature.



## Galatians 5:16-23 (NIV)

*So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.*



*The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

*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.*



# The Conflict Between Good And Evil Are As Old As Creation.

Genesis 2:9 (NIV)

*And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground--trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*



# Good Works Give Credibility To Our Testimony Of Faith To Those Watching Us.

1 Peter 2:15-17 (NIV)

*For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.*



## 1 Peter 4:12-16, 19 (NIV)

*Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.*



*If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name....*

*....So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.*



*Doing Good  
Is One Way  
We Resist Evil.*



*We Can  
Curse The Darkness  
Or We Can  
Light A Light.*



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When We Do Good, We Receive  
God's Approval!

“Good And Faithful”  
Are A Two Word Summary  
Of God's Ultimate Approval!



# The Parable of Talents

Matthew 25:21, 23 (NIV)

(Five talent man) *“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!’ ”*

(Two talent man) *“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!’ ”*



When We Fail To Do Good,  
We Receive God's Disapproval!

“Wicked and Lazy”  
Are His Two Word Summary  
Of Ultimate Disapproval!



# This Week's Assignment:

Start Weaving Your Own Thread Of  
Goodness.

Do Something Good And Generous  
For Someone You Think Needs It.