

The Godlessness of the Good Man

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Do you like to surround yourself with **good** people? Modern society teaches us that **goodness** comes with age and maturity. Ask your parents and they will tell you that life experiences have a way of causing people to outgrow the phase of brazen mischief and riotous behavior. Professionals tell us that education and intelligence can make **good** people even **better**. Nevertheless, God says the exact opposite.

“There is none that doeth **good**, no, not one.” – Rom. 3:12

“...there is none **good** but one, that is, God.” – Mk. 10:18

Are you a **good** person? Sinners only get worse with time. Anyone claiming to be **good** is committing yet another act of rebellion, and it’s called the sin of *self-righteousness*. This is when people claim to be **righteous** while the LORD clearly says that they are sinful and justly condemned.

“There is none **righteous**, no, not one:” – Rom. 3:10

Now is the time to start questioning what you have been told your whole life. *Few* people will ever come to a knowledge of the truth because of their downright refusal to take a different path than the world (Ps. 10:4).

“Enter ye in at the STRAIT gate: for wide is the gate, and BROAD is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and *many* there be which go in thereat: Because STRAIT is the gate, and NARROW is the way, which leadeth unto life, and *few* there be that find it.” – Matt. 7:13-14

The unpopular path is the NARROW way (Lk. 16:15). Rarely will the *wise* and *noble* men of this world ever take this path because they don’t want God to tell them what to do (1 Cor. 1:26-29). They are too busy *caring* for the things of this world to get right with God (Lk. 12:16-21). They feel they have more important things to do than to be religious (Luke 14:16-24). They are too wise in their own eyes to believe that their success in this world is “*unprofitable*”, without merit, and totally “*vain*” in the sight of God (Rom. 3:12, Isa. 5:21, Eccl. 1:2-3).

“There is none that *understandeth*, there is none that *seeketh* after God. They are all gone out of *the way*, they are together become *unprofitable*; **there is none that doeth good, no, not one.**” – Rom. 3:11-12

“For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of *the wise*, and will bring to nothing the understanding of *the prudent*.” – 1 Cor. 1:19

The best man of this world is totally *blind* (Eph. 4:17-19; John 3:3, Matt. 13:14-15, 15:14). THE GOOD MAN IS GODLESS! Literally, these people are living a life void of the presence of God (Rom. 8:7-8). That’s not to say that they aren’t trying to do “*good things*”. Many of them try to do what is *right* with the knowledge that they have of the Bible. Nevertheless, because they are attempting to keep the commandments of God in their own power, in the flesh, all of their *righteous deeds* are as filthy rags in the sight of God.

“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our *righteousnesses* are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” – Isa. 64:6

The **good** man is still godless even if he is *imitating* the commandments of God in the flesh. This is nothing

more than a pretty mask on an ugly face. The LORD doesn't want mere *imitators* that proudly appear righteous outwardly while inwardly they are still sinners by nature (Matt. 23:27-28; 2 Pet. 1:4). It is impossible for people to characteristically copy the LORD *in the flesh* in an attempt to glorify God, and in this the Word of the LORD fulfilled, "*That no flesh should glory in His presence.*" (1 Cor. 1:29).

"For they that are after *the flesh* do mind the things of *the flesh*; but they that are after *the Spirit* the things of *the Spirit*. For to be *carnally* minded is **death**; but to be *spiritually* minded is **life** and **peace**. Because the *carnal* mind is **enmity** against God: for it is **not subject** to the law of God, neither indeed can be. **So then they that are in *the flesh* cannot please God.**" – Rom. 8:5-8

Even the "**good**" things that wicked people are doing amount to more sin against God (Isa. 64:6). You can love your wife and kids, work hard, go to Church, and give to the poor, and you will still die and go to hell at the end of the day. Why? Because God didn't create you to live a life *independent* from Him with an alien sense of your own *righteousness* and *morality* in the flesh (Rom. 10:3). Therefore, anything and everything you have ever done for every *second* of every *minute* of every *hour* of every *day* has been nothing but sin your entire lifetime. For this reason, Jesus said, "YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN" (John 3:3, 5). Only then will you come to live, move, and have your being in God (Rom. 8:1, 13, Gal. 5:16). You must be *reconciled* to God through Jesus Christ by the power of the Gospel (2 Cor. 5:17-21)!