

Vision for our Vineyard : To Experience God and to Help People

Message Notes on Romans 12:9-21

Goodness. The atmosphere of goodness creates trust and vulnerability which is needed for a person to let God into their lives. Let us help them - and join our community for healing.

- "Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil, hold on for dear life to good." V9 Message Goodness is what love is in practice.

Goodness is the atmosphere in which our spiritual giftings do well.

1. Goodness is the character of God.

"Give thanks to the LORD and bless his name. For the LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever. And His faithfulness continues to each generation." Psalm 100

Shout with joy to the LORD, O earth!

2. Good people working with a good God

change the world by helping one person at a time get the life God has for them.

"You must display a new nature because you are a new person, created in god's likeness - righteous, holy, and true."

Ephesians 4:23

3. Connection with Jesus is

always the first thing. He will enable us to do these things. He is the mentor and the one who enables us and strengthens us.

- Galatians 2:20 "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me."

- Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Some areas of Goodness we practice:

1. Brotherly love. Friendship is the ideal way to live with each other.

2. Honor.

Placing high value on someone makes them open to a helping and healing relationship.

3. Bless.

This is sometimes called, "answering in the opposite spirit."

- "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink, and they will be ashamed of what they do."