

Living the Gospel:

Applying the good news to our lives & the church's life

Good is Not Good Enough

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I. The Bible tells us to be good and do good.

2 Corinthians 9:8

Galatians 6:9-10

1 Timothy 6:18

1 Peter 2:12

Ephesians 2:10

II. The Bible also tells us that God alone is good.

Matthew 19:17

Romans 3:10

III. There is a battle between good and evil, but also between good and God.

Matthew 23:25-28

Luke 18:9-14

IV. This has implications for us!

- A. Do you rely on your own righteousness or God's.
- B. Do you live as if in the end your good has to outweigh your bad?
- C. Do you ever have the attitude of the Pharisee as seen in Luke 18:9-14?
- D. Do you want to let go and surrender to God's grace?

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

*"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!'"
(Matthew 25:21a)*