

## ***“What is ‘Good’ ”?***

***Scripture:*** *“He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?” Micah 6:8 (KJV)*

I once asked a group of young people, “what have you done this week that was “good?” One spoke up and asked me “what do you mean by good?” I was surprised to think that the child did not understand “good”.

So what is good? Did you help your mom carry in groceries? Did you see a friend that was sad and try to cheer him or her up? While you were shopping, did you see something that someone had dropped on the floor and left, and you picked it up? Has anyone ever hurt your feelings and you forgave them? These are examples of being good.

When we do things that are wrong like lying, stealing, or hurting someone, we feel bad. That bad feeling is our conscience telling us that we have done wrong and need to make it right. We need to say we are sorry, or return what was stolen, or correct the lie we told. We are all human and mess up, even Christians, because we are not perfect. Only Jesus was perfect. So when Christian’s sin, we need to quickly get forgiveness from Jesus and make things right - then we feel good again!

Jesus did “good” everywhere He went. He always had time to stop and help someone. His friend, Lazarus was sick and as Jesus was walking to his house, he stopped to heal a woman. We read further in the Bible that Lazarus died. That doesn’t seem so good, does it? However, Jesus was trying to show us that no matter how bad things get, He is able to take care of it. Therefore, Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead! There is nothing too hard for our God to do.

Jesus cares about everything that you care about. All you have to do is talk to Him. That is all that Prayer is – just talking to Jesus. Talk to Him like He is your best friend...Because He is! He is always with you and will help you. So, keep up the “good” work!

*Prayer: Lord, help me find ways to display “good” towards others. Help me remember you are good, so therefore I can be as well. In Jesus Name, AMEN!*

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