

Goodness



So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

galatians 6:9 (NLT)

I have a friend who always leaves our times together with the following sentiment, "Go do some good." Well, maybe it's more of a reminder or even a commission. Either way, on some days I walk away inspired because doing good things makes me feel fully alive. However, on other days, the thought of doing good can feel exhausting. Not because I don't want to see good things happen but because doing good takes work, often requires us getting messy, and at times, can feel like an uphill battle. I've even noticed while good things tend to start with ease, momentum, and excitement, for good things to be sustained it requires resilience and grit.

For every good and impassioned speech against injustice there are a thousand daily conversations required to build bridges. For every rally attended there is the daily, often costly, commitment to speak truth to power. For every social media comment posted with ease, there is the dedication to live out daily the words we share. This daily grind is not only exhausting but there will always be other voices and systems attempting to push you back or keep you in your place. Yet, as followers of Jesus, we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit and refuse to tire out or give up. In the face of adversity, we choose to do some good. When people say we've hit a dead end, we choose to do some good. When the worn out say it's hopeless, we choose to do some good. When violence seems like it has the upper hand, we choose to do some good. When it feels like nothing changes, we reach down deep and choose to keep doing some good. Don't let up or sit this one out—go do some good.

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Lord, I repent for those moments where I chose to stay silent because doing good seemed too difficult and messy. I repent for the good I've left undone because it seemed too time consuming or I simply didn't want to get involved.

At the end of the day share with someone the good things God led you to accomplish. Not as a spiritual score card but rather as a testimony of how God worked in you and through you to bring about His goodness in this world.

