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vīb / plural vibes

A person's emotional state as communicated to others; the atmosphere created by the disposition of our being.

A practical description of a deeply spiritual reality.

But the Fruit of the Spirit is . . .

1: Love, Joy, Peace: Fruit For Our Hearts

2: Patience, Kindness, Goodness: Fruit for Our Relationships

3: Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control:

Fruit For Our Battles

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)





The Vibe of Goodness

Patience: gives you the perspective of God

Kindness: gives you the impulse of God

Goodness: gives you the conviction of God

Godness

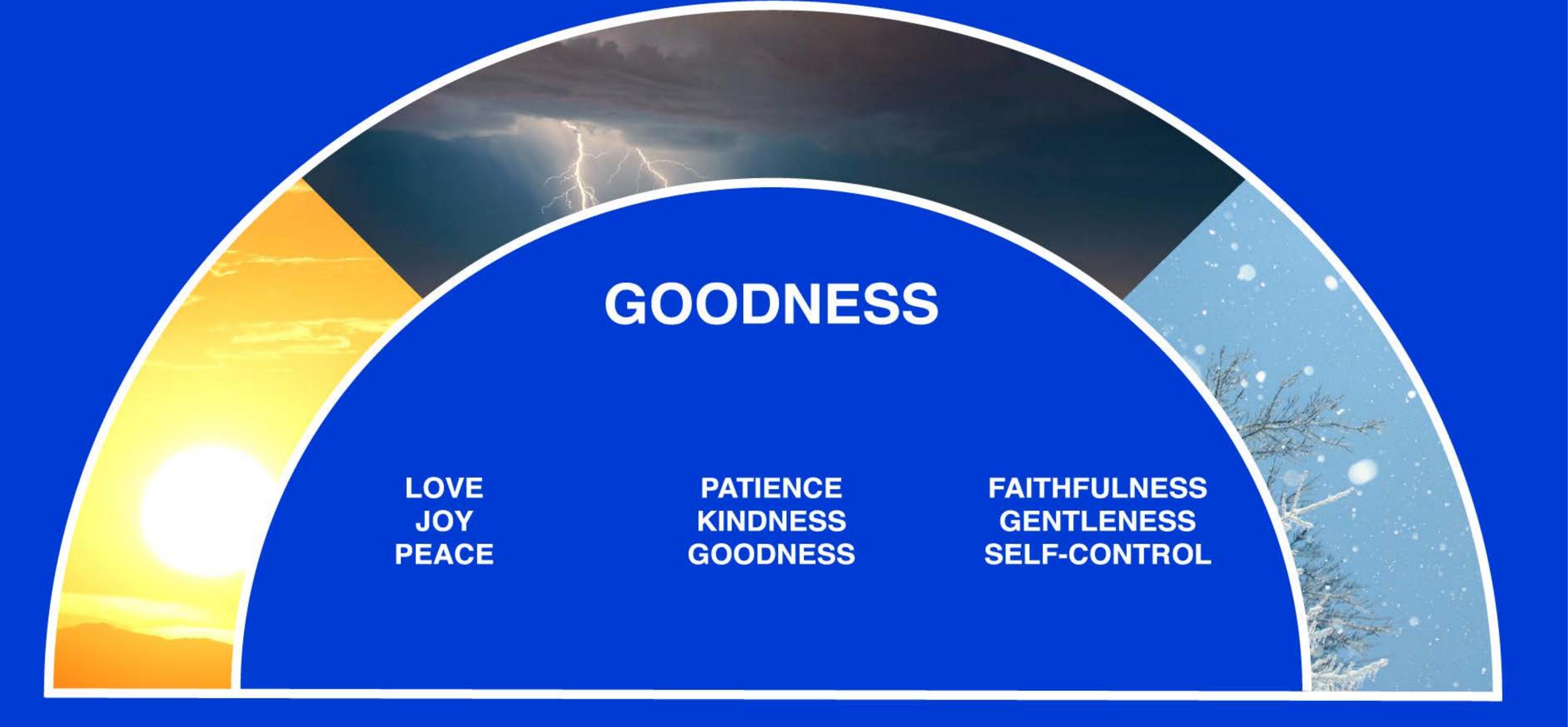
An uprightness of heart and life that makes one kind without compromising the truth. It is the part of love that always protects; the unchanging, unflinching protection of God expressed through us. Its opposite is compromise and toxicity.

Greenhouse



The Eden Project, Cornwall, UK Largest greenhouse in the world A greenhouse protects the environment of its living organisms by stabilizing the temperature and safeguarding them from negative conditions.

THE VIBE'S GREENHOUSE



The Vibe of Goodness

I'm committed to be true for the benefit of others and the pleasure of God.

¹We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. ²Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up . . . ¹⁴I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another.

Romans 15:1-2, 14 (NIV)

"Goodness has two meanings: that which is good absolutely, and that which is good for somebody." - Aristotle

Goodness is the "Iron Sharpening" Vibe

¹⁷As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

Goodness Balances Andness WithTruth

Without goodness doors are left open for the polluting and contaminating of our lives and relationships.

Goodness recognizes that there are dangerous residual effects to ignoring truth while offering kindness.

²⁶Like a muddied spring or a polluted well are the righteous who give way to the wicked.

Proverbs 25:26 (NIV)

Winston Churchill

Refused to meet with Adolf Hitler



British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain: "[Hitler] gave me the double handshake that he reserves for specially friendly demonstrations."

British Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax: "Hitler doesn't want to go to war, and is open to negotiating a peace."

British Diplomat Nevile Henderson: "[Hitler] hates war as much as anyone."

Churchill: "The malice of the wicked was reinforced by the weakness of the virtuous."

Residual Effects: Anderson Vs. Cryovac



In a landmark case, the EPA sued food supply companies because they contaminated the water supply in Woburn, Massachusetts.

The residual effects were countless health issues, including children with leukemia and woman experiencing high rates of miscarriages.

Goodness Positions Iruth as a Relationship

- ³³Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."
- 1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)

- ¹⁴Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?
- 2 Corinthians 6:14 (NIV)

Goodness Makes Us the Leaders We're Called to Be

"I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong."

Abraham Lincoln

