## Goodness and Faithfulness

Praise & Worship:	Faithful- <u>https://youtu.be/H_YLFGQHSM</u> , <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpP9WxJp24A</u>
	You are Good: <u>https://youtu.be/MiK7rYqiZwc</u>
<u>Scripture References</u> :	Matthew 25:14-23, Psalm 31:23 (F); Romans 12:9,21, Psalm 16:2, Psalm 37:3, (G)
Memory Verses of Power	: Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good Romans 12:21 (NKJV)
	"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness,
	faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Galatians 5:22,23

## Scripture Summary

- 1. Goodness comes from God (Psalm 16:2)
- 2. We must overcome evil with good through the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:21)
- 3. God rewards consistent faithfulness. (Matthew 25:21)
- 4. The Lord preserves people who are faithful to Him. (Psalm 31:23)

## Discussion Thoughts:

- 1. What is goodness?
- 2. Where does goodness come from?
- 3. What does it mean to be faithful?

## Encouragement:

Everything good comes from God and He wants us to reflect His goodness in our hearts. Goodness means doing what God says is right. God's Word says overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21). Jesus prayed for his enemies, even as He was dying on the cross. Some people turned away from evil after seeing His divine goodness. Sometimes, it is difficult to do good especially when people treat us unkindly or make fun of us. However, in His goodness and faithfulness, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to strengthen our hearts and help us do good too.

Not only does God want us to do good, but He also wants us to be faithful to Him with our talents. Faithfulness means keeping our promises and being loyal to God and His will. We must be faithful even when our friends want us to break our promise to God to do good. We must also be faithful to God when we don't feel like it. Sometimes we have to be loyal to God when people around us are not. However, the Holy Spirit is always with us to help us. We are never alone when we do right and use our talents for Him. God rewards and protects us when we are faithful to Him. (Psalm 31:23)

<u>Object Lesson</u>: Surround yourself with Goodness-<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luqkCjovDDY</u> Is it easy or difficult to do follow God and do good things when our friends are not? What should we do? How can we remain faithful to God?

<u>Object Lesson</u>: Faithful to God First - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iW3ZenpRHxU</u>, <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZotGvebm7A</u> <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yUsfXqYM87k</u>

<u>Prayer</u>: Dear Jesus, thank you for being faithful to me. Please help stand for you and be faithful to you first. Holy Spirit, please help me to become more like Jesus and let His goodness shine through me. In Jesus Name, Amen. Matthew 25: 14-30

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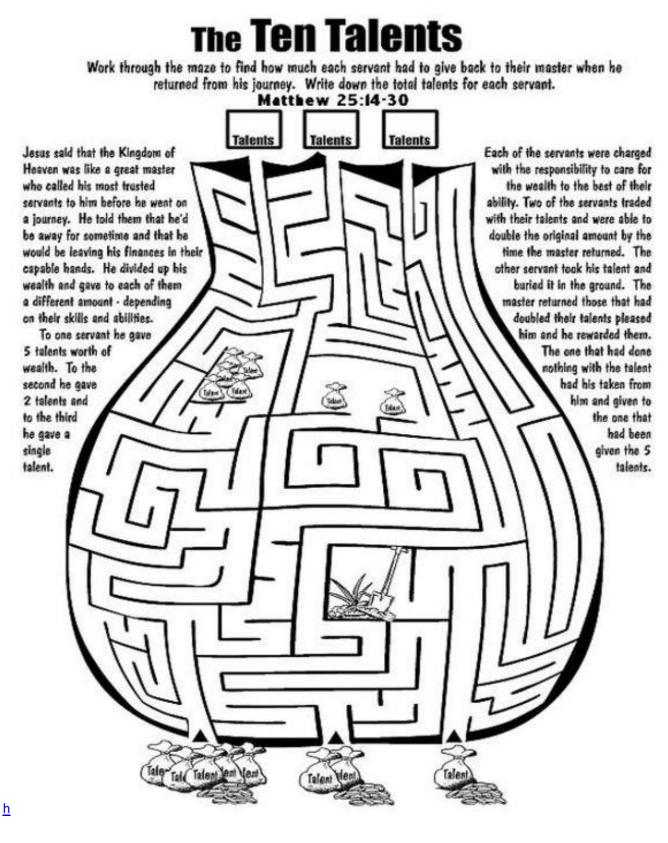
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