

Family TableTalk

Conversation 84

Beautiful Good

read

1 Timothy 6:11-16

think

We often think about behaving correctly as “being good” but often the Bible means so much more when it uses the word “good.” In the passage we just read, Paul writes to Timothy and he uses the word “good” (*Kalos*) frequently. In fact, Paul uses it 24 times in the Pastoral Epistles while the New Testament uses the word 100 times. It is used to describe the glorious stones of the temple (Luke 21:5), beautiful fruit (Matthew 3:10), seeds being planted (Matthew 13:24), the name of Jesus (James 2:7), and the Word of God (Hebrews 5:14).

Often the “good deeds of a Christian” are described this way as in Titus 2:7, 14, Titus 3:8, Galatians 6:9, and Hebrews 10:24. William Barclay puts it this way, “*Kalos* is the word of goodness which is a lovely thing, the goodness that satisfies not only conscious but which also delights the heart and gives pleasure to the eyes” (*New Testament Words* p.155).

Deeds of obedience that are truly “*Kalos*” flow from the inward attitude of a heart of love and are both good, winsome, and even beautiful.

apply

- Can you think of a time that someone did something for you that was “good” but was also beautiful?
- In what ways did Jesus do “good” on earth that was beneficial that were also beautiful?
- Describe one “good deed” you regularly do that could be adjusted slightly to make it “beautiful.”

pray

Dear Triune God, Thank you for giving us your Spirit who gives us not only the opportunity to do good and be obedient but to do it in a way that is attractive and beautiful to those who need you. May we never settle for just behaving properly when we can reflect the loveliness of your Glory! Amen.

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