What Is Good?

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INTRODUCTION

- We're not just going to talk about what is good, but maybe a more important question to ask and answer is who gets to say what is good.
- Eve saw the fruit and said it was good. Those men saw those women and said they were beautiful.
- Man saw something and thought it was good and acted accordingly. But in both cases, God said, That's not good.

1 Some Good Things Aren't Always Good

Hebrews 13:4

- Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled.
- They're not just allowed by God, they are not just condoned by God, they are encouraged and created and invented by God.
- But fornicators and adulterers, God will judge.
- God has said it's good here, it's not good there.
- Man's been changing definitions in this area forever.
- Some good things aren't always good. And again, it's God who gets to say that.

2 Use God's Judgment Rather Than Our Own

2 Kings 5

- There is but one who is good, and that's he who is in heaven.
- He's the only one who gets to say what is good.
- We limit ourselves in our worship, in our work, not because we think those are the only good works, but because that's what our good father has said we must do.
- It doesn't matter if we agree with God's will, plan, or directive. Our role is simply to submit.
- God said, This is what I want. And by its very definition, that makes it good. Because God is good.

3 Even Good Things May Become Bad If We Misuse Them

Matthew 15:7–9; Romans 14:1–20

- Sometimes too much of a good thing is not good. But even just a good thing improperly used isn't necessarily good.
- Jesus will condemn the Pharisees not for being good, but for taking something that was good and making it not good.
- They took their line and put it on an equal plane with God's line, and made that the law.
- These people draw near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me, and in vain they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.

- The problem is you imposing that on someone else. Imposing your opinion, your fence on someone else.
- Who are you to judge another's servant? They're not your servant to bow to your whim and wishes. They're God's servant.

THE CHALLENGE

Can you do that this morning? Follow that good God by following his good commandments this morning.

MY NOTES