



# Overview: Goodness (Peter)

## *Story:*

Peter, also known as Simon Peter, was one of the twelve apostles chosen by Jesus as his closest followers and witnesses to his ministry. He was a fisherman from Galilee and became one of Jesus' most devoted and outspoken disciples. Peter is known for his impulsive nature, confession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah, denial of Jesus, and restoration. He played a significant role in the early church's spread of Christianity, preaching boldly on Pentecost, performing miracles in Jesus' name, and including Gentiles in the Christian community. Despite Peter's flaws, he loved Jesus deeply and modeled genuine goodness by faithfully following Jesus, doing what was right, and encouraging and guiding believers.

## *Key Bible Verses:*

- you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, (Matt. 16:18)
- For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, (1 Pet. 2:21)
- Make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection, and love. (2 Pet. 1:5-7)



## *Lessons from Peter*

Peter teaches us to keep our minds focused, control our emotions, and show our faith in Jesus through our actions and speech, always being prepared to tell others the reason for our faith. Obedience to what is right and good deepens our relationship with God, helps us grow spiritually, and serves as a witness to others. Peter's restoration after his denial of Jesus shows us the power of God's grace and forgiveness. Peter's humility in admitting his mistake and seeking forgiveness teaches us to do the same and never lose hope in God's ability to transform our lives. Jesus declared to Peter, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church." Peter embraced his identity as the rock on which Jesus would build his church and was responsible for leading and guiding believers. Peter's identity in Christ transformed every aspect of his life. ***you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church (Matt. 16:18)***

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## ***What is goodness?***

- Goodness is being kind, gracious, generous, and loving toward others while respecting them.
- When we show goodness, we follow the teachings of Jesus and become more like Him.

## ***Respect, Humility, and Willingness to Serve***

- Goodness is not just about being good to people we like but also to those who may not like us or show kindness to us.
- Goodness means doing the right thing, even when it's hard, and always trying to make others happy.

## ***How can I become a person who has goodness?***

- Be friendly, polite, and considerate, use kind words and actions, like saying "please" and "thank you," and serve others by helping them.
- Show others kindness, generosity, honesty, and empathy, practice forgiveness and stand up for people who are weaker than you.

## ***Role-play***

- Conversation Starter: How do you show goodness in your life?  
Thought Challenge: Goodness is not about seeking personal gain.
- Conversation Starter: What does practicing goodness look like?  
Thought Challenge: How can small acts of goodness bring power?

## ***Lessons***

- Goodness is from God and involves doing good things for others that requires humility, love and kindness and treating others fairly.
- Others may not appreciate goodness, but it's important to continue doing good while loving and forgiving all people, even our enemies.





# Take-away: Goodness (Peter)

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# Scripture: Goodness (Peter)

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matt. 16:18)

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1 Pet. 1:13)

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. (1 Pet. 2:21)

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, (1 Pet. 3:15)

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Pet. 1:5-8)