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DISCIPLES ARE...

Disciples are people in community who
– empowered by the Holy Spirit – are
growing to love, follow, and lead others
to the God who looks like Jesus.



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Hardwiring Happiness

Dr. Rick Hanson

TEDx

“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by **changing the way you think**. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

Paul, Romans 12:2 NLT

Paul, Philippians 4:4-9 NIV

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And **the peace of God**, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—**think about such things.** ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—**put it into practice.** And the God of peace will be with you.

James 1:16-17 NIV

¹⁶ Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters.

¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:16-17 MSG

So, my very dear friends, don't get thrown off course. Every desirable and beneficial gift comes out of heaven. The gifts are rivers of light cascading down from the Father of Light.

Reflecting on the Goodness of God

1. Where do you see signs of God's goodness in the world?
2. What are the "good gifts" that God has given you?
3. Will you reflect on God's goodness to you and then tell of that goodness to others around you?

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