

## **A Good Person**

Matthew 5:48

### 1. Introduction

Everyone's desire is to be a good person, and to then go from being a good person to being a better person. We even want to go from being a better person to being the best person in the world!

### 2. A good child

In order to be a good person, you first have to exist. You have to be born as a child of a parent. In order to be a good person you have to be a good child before the parents. Then who can decide if you are a good child or not? It is not you but your parents. You may think and say "I am a wonderful child," but if your parents say that you are not then you are not. You have to let your own parents decide that you are a very good child. In order to do this you have to please them and live up to their desire, hope, and expectations. If your only desire is to please your parents and to see a smile on their faces, they will be so happy with you. They will embrace you and say that you are a very good child – a very good son or a very good daughter

### 3. A good spouse

Secondly, in order to be a good person, you have to be a good husband or good wife. It is not you, but your own spouse, who decides if you are a good husband or wife. No matter how many times you may tell other people that you are a good spouse, if your own spouse says just one word, "NO!", then you are not a good person. Then you are not a good husband or a good wife. In order to become a good spouse you have to serve the desire of your own spouse. Then your spouse's heart will be melted and your spouse will embrace you and cry. Then you are a good husband or wife.

### 4. A good parent

In order to be a good person, you also have to be a good father or mother. It is not you, but your own loving sons or daughters who can judge whether or not you are good parents.

Children don't do what their parents say, but they do what their parents do. Therefore, parents will make their own children good children. Parents must show the true way of life through daily example. When they see the deep love between their own father and mother, they can learn love. If their mother is praying every night in tears, the children will never forget, and they will become pious people.

5. God's approval

When parents say you are a good child, and our spouse says you are a good husband or wife, and you children say you are a good father or mother, the brothers and sisters, friends, neighbors, and relatives will say that you are a very good person.

Then God will ask everyone all together, "Is there anyone who can say this person is not good?" There is no one who will say that you are not good. Instead, everyone will say that you are a good person. Then God will smile at you and will come and embrace you in tears of love and joy. He will declare to the world and the universe, "This is my beloved son/daughter, in whom I am well pleased."