

The Need for Balance

(Romans 2:4)

- Introduction:
1. Balance is very difficult to achieve and then maintain, but it is necessary.
 2. However, we have a tendency to gravitate toward extremes.
 3. In seeking balance, with respect to ourselves and God, we need to understand something about the goodness of God.
 4. The aim of this lesson is to remind you of God's goodness and how it will give you hope.

I. The Goodness of God

- A. (Romans 1-3).
- B. (Romans 2:4).

II. God's Goodness in Principle

- A. His forbearance and longsuffering.
 1. (Romans 2:4).
 2. (2 Peter 3:9).
- B. His willingness to forgive.
 1. (Isaiah 55:7).
 2. (Isaiah 43:25).
- C. His providence for his people.
 1. (Romans 8:28).
 2. (Matthew 10:29-31; Luke 12:6-7).

III. God's Goodness in Practice

- A. Lot (Genesis 19-20).
- B. Rahab (Joshua 2).
- C. Samson (Judges 13-16).
- D. David (2 Samuel 11).
- E. Saul/Paul (1 Timothy 1:12-15).
- F. Your Story.

- Conclusion:
1. Can you not understand what Paul meant when he said the goodness of God leads to repentance?
 2. There is hope for you and me, not because of who we are, but because of who God is!
 3. But remember this warning: God's goodness will be meaningless to you if it doesn't lead you to repentance.