

God is Good

- Ron Stullenbarger -

"You are good, and do good; teach me Your statutes" (Psalm 119:68).

CHECK THE ANSWER you think best fits the meaning of each word:

What the word *feline* mean?

_____ The line where people line up to pay parking fees

_____ Harmless

_____ Like a cat

How about the word *bovine*?

_____ A deep canyon

_____ Like a cow

_____ A vine that grows a rare kind of grape

How about the word *good*?

_____ To do whatever you want as long as it doesn't hurt anybody

_____ To be *"one with the universe"*

_____ To be like God

The word *feline* means to be catlike. The word *bovine* refers to a cow or something that resembles a cow. And to be morally *good* means to be like God.

When God created the universe and everything in it, He looked at what He had created and saw that it was *"good."* That wasn't just an opinion; it was the truth! He was comparing everything He had made with Himself, and because everything was pure and perfect and without sin (like He is), it was *"good."*

Now, of course, when sin entered the world, it messed up God's *"good"* creation. But one thing hasn't changed: When something is morally good, it is like God. If it isn't like God, it isn't good.

In fact, you can't go wrong if you measure everything you think, do, or say against the one standard for what is good — God. If you ask yourself, *"Is it like God?"* before you make any choice, the difference between good and bad will be a lot easier to see... because God is good.

Which is right: To rely on your friends' ideas of what is good; to rely on what you feel is good; or to measure everything you think, do, or say against the one standard for what is good — God Himself?

God is holy. God is perfect. God is pure. God is righteous in everything He thinks, does, and says. We need to remember that He alone is *"good."*