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## RANDOM ACTS OF GOODNESS Text: Acts 10:34-43

This series is about learning to live your life in such a way that you leave a legacy when you go.

When your thoughts and deeds and motives and intentions and accomplishments are put on the s\_\_\_\_\_ what would you like the preponderance of evidence to suggest that your life was all about? Ref: Luke 19:10; John 10:10

That's what the life of Jesus was about: he came to seek out those whose lives have been wrecked by sin, and to save them, and to fill their lives with meaning and purpose.

Cornelius was a "God-fearing" person, meaning that he followed the moral code of the Jewish, but not the dietary and sacrificial code.

Cornelius went from being merely a God-fearing Gentile to being a S\_\_\_\_\_ -filled follower of Jesus Christ.

Just like Jesus did, we need to go around doing g\_\_\_\_\_ at every opportunity.

### Wesley's Three General Rules

1. Do no harm. 2. Do Good. 3. Stay in l\_\_\_\_\_ with God.

We stay in love with God *"by attending all the ordinances of God."* In other words---

Prayer\_\_\_\_ Bible Study\_\_\_\_ Worship\_\_\_\_ Fellowship\_\_\_\_ and Service. Rank yourself 0-10 in each discipline.

In Acts 10:38, we see that, in order to have a "doing good at every opportunity" lifestyle, there are three truths we need to keep in mind. First of all...

1. It requires the power of the H\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_.

The Holy Spirit anoints you with power to do the work of God.

So make this your prayer every day: "Lord, fill me with the Holy Spirit. Anoint me with your Spirit. Give me the power to do what I am otherwise powerless to do."

When a church or an individual makes it their mission to go around doing good, they soon find that it is impossible without the power of the Holy Spirit.

2. It often leads you into s\_\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_.

This is what I want you to understand. We're not just talking about shallow surface-level do-goodism here. We're talking about spiritual warfare.

3. It's evidence of God's p\_\_\_\_\_ in your life.

When you walk with God, it's impossible not to want to do good. You *want* to help others.

Ref: Mt.10:8

When he died, the power of sin died with him. He paid the price for every sin, past present and future. Isa.53:6

Even though we don't have it in us to be all that good, he wants to pour all his goodness into each and every one of us. He wants to enter each and every heart and make his h\_\_\_\_\_ there. He wants you to be able to go around doing good because he is with you.