

ESSAY FLAG-RAISING ABOUT GOODNESS

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Good morning everyone, my name is Sofia Isaacs, and today I have the honor and the value to stand here in front of all of you, very important persons that God send us to be with, for any special occasion.

Each of you please in this moment try to think in all the qualities that each person has inside of its heart. Well I'm going to help you. Like goodness, one of the most important virtues of humans. Because everyone has a piece of goodness during its life. Maybe some people can have it during a very long period of time, or sometimes a tiny period of time, maybe sometimes yes, sometimes no. Nobody knows.

I don't want this words to become an awful time, so I have a few questions that I've asked to myself for a very protracted time. Have you ever asked yourself in what time are you being good with people, in diverse places you daily go? My classmates and I have reflected upon this all together. Like for example these places: at school, at your house, etc. Those are the places we most are in during the year. So at school, when are we good?

Maybe in the cafeteria by saying "thanks" to the girl it's serving you, your lunch. Or by eating all the food they prepare to us with the love and patience and dedication every single day of our lives in school. Other situation we can use to demonstrate that we are good persons could be by leaving our classrooms ordered, so the people who help us cleaning can do their work faster and also have a happy life together with their families. In our houses, by ordering our rooms, saying "thanks" for everything they give and do for you. Many situations that provide us a better life in the way that make us better persons.

We get mixed messages today about what is "good." There are many theories about the definition of that word. Is this what God thinks is good? I don't think so. Notice Psalm 33:4-5: "For the word of the LORD is right, and all His work is done in truth. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the *goodness* of the LORD." God wants the earth to be full of his goodness. What he considers good is clearly spelled out in the Bible. However, since the creation of Adam and Eve, humanity under some bad influences has chosen to come up with its own definition of goodness. Think about some of the other words associated with goodness in the Bible, such as truth, righteousness, justice and light.

Not long ago, Colombia was nominated as the happiest country in the world after many studies like surveys, investigation, etc. Do you know why? Well because of it's amazing location, passion for football, incredible weather, Colombian coffee, delicious food, recognized touristic places, beautiful women and exciting carnivals. But the most important aspect is because of its people. People provide the most of the nomination because each person gives a bit of its personality, like being good. I say it with all my heart and being very sincere, because it is very true as I had the experience of living abroad and the difference is really big.

Many Colombian people have left a mark in history. Like Priest Garcia Herreros, a very dedicated person to God and the conditions of people. Also like Shakira with her foundation, and many other people that also make our country be a wonderful place to live. I want to mention a very important and excellent person called Elsa Martínez de Narváez, she won the prize of Cafam for being a good person as they explained before.

In conclusion think personally if you really are being good in different aspects of life. If you are unsure that you are being a good person please it's the time to make the change so we can be a better world in the future.

THANK YOU.

