

Good vs. Right

Good people
do not always do
what is right,
and not everything
bad people do
is wrong.

Goodness describes
the person;
rightness delineates
the action.

Goodness is a
subjective quality;
rightness is an
objective correctness.

Goodness flows from
the habit of
virtue;
rightness requires
the exercise of
prudence.
That we attain
both
is the wish of
wisdom.

It is desirable that
good people
do the right thing.
It is intolerable when
good intentions
consider wrong things
right.

Therefore, we are called
to be good
and challenged
to do right.
And, although at times
it is hard to decide
what is right,
never hesitate about
being good.

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