

Good Girls

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Good girls say “please”, say “thank you”, say “yes”. Good girls give good handshakes, give the right of way, the benefit of the doubt. Good girls keep from eating until everyone is served, keep their elbows off tables, their opinions to themselves. Good Girls never interrupt because they never speak in the first place.

Good girls look good, with their multi-step skincare, multi-layered makeup, multitude of multivitamins. Good girls straighten their curls, curl their straights, shave whatever hair, curly or straight, grows anywhere but their heads. Good girls dress demurely, dress to bring out the colour in their eyes, dress to impress. Good girls glow inside-out and outside-in with goodness, as well as 8 to 10 glasses of water a day – a good girl is a hydrated girl is a girl too busy peeing to be bad.

Good girls listen to their good parents, their good bosses, their good spouses, and good strangers with their good opinions. Good girls do as they’re told, as they’re expected, as they expect they will be told, as they expect they will be expected. Good girls nod. Good Girls smile with just enough teeth.

Good girls know to act the part, know which angles highlight their good side. Good girls know their good side is the top of their bowed head. Good girls know shackles can look like bracelets when worn with the right pair of shoes.

