

bene- or bon-

Latin root  
meaning good

bounteous

adj. good and  
plentiful

bona fide

adj. in good faith;  
authentic and  
genuine

benediction

n. a prayer for God's blessing  
and goodness at the end of a  
Christian service

bonanza

n. a good source of  
extremely valuable  
minerals

bonus

n. an extra reward  
for goodness

**benevolent**

adj. showing  
kindness or goodwill

**bon vivant**

n. somebody who  
enjoys good living  
and good food

**beneficiary**

n. somebody who receives  
good things from a will,  
trust, or insurance policy

**benign**

adj. gentle, good,  
or harmless

**benefactor**

n. somebody who does good  
for a cause, especially with a  
gift of money