

Set the Tone



Kindness

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*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **Colossians 3:12 (NIV)***

WHAT IS KINDNESS?

1. AN ATTRIBUTE OF GOD

*Therefore, return to your God, observe kindness and justice, and wait for your God continually. **Hosea 12:6 (NASB1995)***

*He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? **Micah 6:8 (ESV)***

*But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. **Titus 3:4-5a (NIV)***

2. A FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. **Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)***

3. AN ACTION

*The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold. **Acts 28:2 (ESV)***

*Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them." **Matthew 15:10-11 (NIV)***

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I CAN BE A KIND PERSON WHEN I...

1. EXPERIENCE THE KINDNESS OF GOD FOR MYSELF

*Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? **Romans 2:4 (NIV)***

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. **Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)***

*Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments. **Deuteronomy 7:9 (NASB1995)***

2. EXTEND THE KINDNESS OF GOD TO MYSELF

*But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—**Ephesians 2:4-8 (NIV)***

3. EXPRESS THE KINDNESS OF GOD TO OTHERS

*Be kind to one another... **Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)***

*Let your kindness be known to all people. The Lord is near. **Philippians 4:5 (DLNT)***