

Kindness / Goodness

Last week we looked at 1 Corinthians 13... the “LOVE” chapter of the Bible, and Paul tells us in verse 4, love is PATIENT! Agape love has a long fuse... love is slow to boil.... love counts down before it blasts off. Then he tells us... “**love is kind.**” As we look at this character trait of believers and this part of the “fruit of the Spirit” I want you to contemplate this question... Are we “kind of good people” or... are we “good and kind people”? Is “kindness” just a “random act” or is it “a way of life?”

Sometimes you may be put on the spot, and what you say is important, but how you say it can be even more important. At times kindness may cost you something, and may even require sacrifices on your part.

GOD IS KIND! The Bible tells us “*God is love*” (1 John 4:8), and it tells us “*Love is kind*” (1 Corinthians 13:4). So, if love is kind... we can rest assured that God, who is love... is also kind. His kindness can best be seen in Jesus who was on a mission to change this world. If you read the Gospels, you will find many examples of Jesus’ acts of kindness. And... hasn’t He has been *kind* to you, too? (Ephesians 2:7–9)

BE KIND! Here are two general ways we can *pay it forward*.

1. Kind .

2. Kind . (Proverbs 15:4)

Our words have the power to hurt... and the power to heal.
(James 1:19; 3:6; Proverbs 15:1; Matthew 5:39)

What I Will Do With This Message: _____

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