

THE SECRET OF KINDNESS

Fruitful Living - Part 5

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

John 13:35 (NKJV) *“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

Kindness is: love in **ACTION**.

Titus 3:4-5 (NLT) *“When God our Savior revealed His kindness and love, ⁵He saved us... He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.”*

John 13:15 (GNT) *“I have set an example for you, so that you will do just what I have done for you.”*

Acts Of Kindness Jesus Models...

1. He **UNDERSTANDS** your weaknesses.

Hebrews 4:15-16 (CEV) *“Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because He was tempted in every way that we are. But He did not sin! ¹⁶So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with undeserved grace, and we will find help.”*

Galatians 6:1-2a (NLT) *“...If another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. ²Share each other’s burdens...”*

2. He **TELLS** you the truth.

John 8:32 (NIV) *“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

Ephesians 4:15a (AMP) *“Let our lives lovingly express the truth in all things...”*

Proverbs 24:26 (GNT) *“An honest answer is the sign of a true friendship.”*

Psalms 141:5a (GNT) *“Good people may... rebuke me in kindness...”*

3. He **FORGIVES** your sin.

Romans 3:23-24 (GWT) *“...All people have sinned, they have fallen short of God’s glory. ²⁴They receive God’s approval freely by an act of His kindness through the price Christ Jesus paid to set us free from sin.”*

Ephesians 1:4 (NLT) *“Through what Christ would do for us, God decided to make us holy in His eyes, without a single fault, we stand before Him covered with His love.”*

Ephesians 4:32 (NLT) *“Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”*

4. He **AFFIRMS** your worth.

- God is always **THINKING** about you.

Psalms 139:16-17 (NLT) *“You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. ¹⁷How precious are Your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!”*

- God **SENT** His son to die for you.

Romans 5:8 (NLT) *“God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”*

I Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV) *“...Encourage one another and build each other up...”*

Hebrews 10:24 (NLT) *“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.”*