

# KINDNESS



**Proverbs 19:22**

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- William Shakespeare once wrote:

“Kindness in women, not their beauteous looks shall win my love.”

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- The inspired author, and King of Israel, Solomon wrote:

*“That which makes a man desirable is kindness.”*

~ **Proverbs 19:22**

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*“While ‘kindness’ may be disdained by the brutal and go unappreciated by the insensitive, it is applauded in any cultured society. The value of the ‘milk of human kindness’ cannot be overstated.”*

**~ Wayne Jackson**

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- The word “kind” has a unique origin.
- In its original definition it meant “having to do with that which is useful or effective.”
- It was often employed of precious stones (**Ezekiel 27:22**) and even gold (**Daniel 2:32**).
- Sometimes even describing kinds of people (**Matthew 17:21**).

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- The word later became adapted to be defined in an ethical sense: honest, friendly, loving, good, compassionate, benevolent etc.
- It is the complete opposite of brutal, harsh, mean, rude, hurtful, uncaring etc.
- It is why we see Christians being called to kindness in many verses in the New Testament.

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- This morning we wish to examine “kindness” from a Biblical perspective:
  - Our Motivation to Kindness
  - Godly Kindness Towards Us
  - Application For The Church Today.

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- Our goal in this study is to examine ourselves under the microscope of Godly kindness
- Be encouraged by a God who has shown us kindness that cannot be matched.
- Sharpen ourselves so that we may practice kindness on a world that is losing the meaning.



# Our Motivation To Kindness



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- In general, our world is ruled by the Charles Darwin philosophy of Survival of the Fittest.
- It makes us wonder how we can survive in a culture and society where kindness is becoming so rare?
- Is there any **REAL** value in kindness and if so how do we learn this value?

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- The answer is Yes! The answer is God!
- It is an indisputable fact that every good trait of which man is capable, ultimately, is motivated by that which is found in the Creator, that is God.
- The New Testament affirms this:

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*“We love Him because He first loved us.”*

**~ 1 John 4:19**

*But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.*

**~ Luke 6:35**

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- The world however, does not live by this standard. This is at least somewhat easy to understand ...
- But sadly many in “the name of Christ” have all but forgotten what it means to be kind and loving, casting aside the traits of kindness and love for hate.

# Pope Urban II



***On this account I, or rather the Lord, beseech you as Christ's heralds to publish this everywhere and to persuade all people of whatever rank, foot-soldiers and knights, poor and rich, to carry aid promptly to those Christians and to destroy that vile race from the lands of our friends. I say this to those who are present, it meant also for those who are absent. Moreover, Christ commands it.***

***~ Pope Urban II (November 27, 1095 AD)***

# Adolf Hitler – Fuhrer of the Third Reich





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Of Jews Hitler said:

*“He is and remains a typical parasite, a sponger who like a noxious bacteria keeps spending as soon as a favorable medium invites him.”*

*“The mightiest counterpart to the Aryan is represented by the Jew.”*

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“His life is only of this world, and his spirituality is inwardly as alien to true Christianity as his nature two thousand years previous was to the founder of the new doctrine. *Of course, the latter (Christ) made no secret of his attitude toward the Jewish people,* and when necessary he even took to the whip to drive them from the temple of the Lord this adversary of all humanity... In return Christ was nailed to the cross.”

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For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

~ **John 3:16-17**

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For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

~ **Romans 8:38-39**

# Godly Kindness Towards Us



**At Least Hate Like This  
Doesn't Exist  
Today....Right?**

HOMOSEXUALS  
ARE  
POSSESSED  
BY DEMONS

ANNIS +  
CINICH

Traditional  
Marriage  
Rights for  
All

A Discrimination  
Bill of any  
kind

ALL

NATIONAL  
TINA

E.M.

ALITY

THEY PAY US

**GOD  
HATES  
YOU**

**Sodomites  
Abortionists  
Drunkards**

**JUST THE  
WAY YOU ARE!**



# KINDNESS

- Make NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, neither God nor Jesus Christ condones sin in any way shape or form ...

*“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus His son.”*

**~ Romans 6:23**

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- However, people throughout the centuries have forgotten that every person has a soul for which Christ died.
- And that it was the kindness of Christ that has saved our souls

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But God commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

~ **Romans 5:8**

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For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared.

~ Titus 3:3-4

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- We forget that the Bible teaches us not to hate but to love:

*But he who **hates** his **brother** is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.*

**1 John 2:11**

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*Whoever **hates** his **brother** is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.*

**~ 1 John 3:15**

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- Christ demonstrated Kindness to sinful people
  - The Sinful Woman (**Luke 7:36-48**)
  - The Woman Caught in Adultery (**John 8:1-11**)
  - The Woman at the Well (**John 4:9-19**)
  - Judas Iscariot (**Matthew 26:50**)
  - Love and Pray For Your Enemies (**Matthew 5:44**)

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- Loving someone DOES NOT MEAN that we neglect to teach and practice the truth:

*Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.”*

**~ John 5:14**



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- **The type of Kindness Christ shows leads to repentance:**

*Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?*

**~ Romans 2:4**

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- **Kindness and Agape Love are ultimately inseparable from one another:**

*Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy;  
love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;*

**~ 1 Corinthians 13:4**

# Application For The Church Today



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- There are three specific areas that we must be aware of to practice the type of kindness that Christ needs of us.
- Make no mistake about it, we are human, and may not always be perfect in these regards.
- Your shortcomings do not define you, your relationship to Christ does. The point is that we practice these to the best of our ability.

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## 1. Kindness to strangers and the world around us.

This includes all the people we meet in our daily lives, you never know how many doors to Christ kindness may open:

*Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

~ Galatians 6:10

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## 2. Kindness in the home:

- Love Wife as Yourself (**Ephesians 5:25-28**)
- Obey Your Parents (**Colossians 3:20**)
- Women are a beacon of strength (**Proverbs 14:1**)
- Not provoking children to wrath (**Ephesians 6:4**)

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- This is such an important matter that it was a key qualification for a man being an elder in the church:

*One who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence, for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?*

~ 1 Timothy 3:4-5

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## 3. Kindness in the church

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

~ Ephesians 4:31-32



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- The value of kindness in our relationship to God and our interaction with the World and Church cannot be understated.
- Because of Christ we should be motivated with kindness toward others.

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- Because of Christ we can see God's own kindness towards us.
- Because of Christ we know how to be kind and who to be kind toward.
- Because of the love and kindness of God we are no longer bound by sin.

# God's Kindness Awaits You

For His merciful kindness is great toward us,  
And the truth of the LORD *endures* forever.

~ Psalm 117:2

**And He Needs You To Pass It On**