



Kindness



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*... Let us consider how to stimulate one another
to love and good deeds.*

~ Hebrews 10:24

Our divine purpose is Col 1:10, *so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.* We are to illustrate by precept and example the excellence of His law showing to the world that God is love. The gospel is understood better with a corresponding example of our lives. I John 2:6, *The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as he walked.*



"Christ was preoccupied
with the needs of others"

~ Minnick

Luke 6:35, *for He Himself [Christ] is kind to ungrateful and evil men.*

Kindness is Salvation in Action

A Bible Glimpse at kindness (Acts 28:2)

How many (Acts 27:37)

For how long (Acts 28:11)

Kindness

- is not always planned
- Is not always to those we know
- Sometimes interrupts our daily life
- Many times involves sacrifice on our part

Bible Examples of Hospitality and kindness

- Sarah and the three visitors—resulted in Abraham's covenant child birth (Gen. 18:1-8)
- Rahab and the spies—resulted in God's people obtaining Jericho and her family being spared (Josh. 2:12)
- Job presents to the Lord his hospitality as a sign of righteousness (Job 31:32)

Scripture References Concerning Hospitality and Kindness

- The needs of others meet will end in our own benefit (Is. 58: 7-11)
- God rewards kindness (Matt. 10:42)
- We do these thing as if doing them for the Lord (Matt. 25:34-40)
- Jesus ask us to minister to those in need (Luke 14:12-14)
- The early church enjoyed fellowship (Acts 2:46)
- Kindness is a sign of faithfulness (Acts 16:15)
- Our Christian brothers need our hospitality (Rom. 12:9-13)
- Watch for opportunities (Gal. 6:10)
- Biblical qualification for an elder (I Tim. 3:2)
- Without grudging (I Pet. 4:9)
- Added to your faith is brotherly kindness (II Pet. 1:7)
- A lover of hospitality (Tit. 1:8)

Kindness, hospitality and good deeds are how we show our teens the reality of our Christian walk.

The Next Generation

Psalm 44:1

✪ D. L. Moody

✪ A. W. Tozer

✪ C. H. Spurgeon

All of these men were great preachers. . .but had _____

Things that are left to themselves have a tendency to get worse.

1. Schools 2. Churches 3. Denominations 4. My Kids?????

Generation 1	Generation 2	Generation 3
Committed Saved—On Fire for God	Compromise Saved—No Fire	Conflict Not Saved
Joshua (24:15) Great miracles: sun stood still . . . walls of Jericho Knew God and His works	Elders (Joshua 24:31) Knew God and about His Works	Children (Judges 2:7,8,10,11) Knew NOT God, or His Works
Abraham Built: Altar Well → God Self	Isaac Built: Well → Altar (Then just the well)	Jacob Grew up in a compromising home. . . no absolutes . . . deceit
David *Effective Executive • United a country • Raised an arm • Wrote poetry	Solomon Mixed God and pleasure • Women • Horses • Money	Rehoboam (II Chron. 12:1) "Forsook the Lord"

Generation 1	Generation 2	Generation 3
Conviction	"Belief"	Confusion
I Corinthians: Spiritual Concerned about people	Carnal Concerned about things	Natural Concerned about pleasure and self
People	Things	Thrills No part of it.



The key is to bring your 2nd or 3rd generation child to 1st generation Christian experience. (Illus: Jacob came from 3 to 1.)

Only "hearing" about Christianity will not produce disciples for Christ.

*"You can't do anything about your ancestors. . .
but you CAN do something about your descendants."*

Practical applications:

- Keep it simple
- Be neat
- Involve all family members
- Keep record
- Schedule it when possible
- View it from an eternal viewpoint

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