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PEOPLING

Putting Love into Action

*“But when the kindness and love of God [Jesus] our Savior appeared,
He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done,
but because of His mercy...”
Titus 3:4-5 (NIV)*

*Jesus:
“I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.”
John 13:15 (NLT)*

*“Love is kind and thoughtful...”
1 Corinthians 13:4b (AMP)*

We Express Kindness to Others Through

1. **CONSIDERATION**

*“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but **in humility** count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to His own interests, but also to the **interests of others.**” Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV)*

*“Don’t think only of yourself. Try to **think of the other fellow**, too, and what is best for him.”
1 Corinthians 10:24 (TLB)*

*Additional Reference:
1 Peter 3:1,7 regarding Respect and Consideration*

2. **FORGIVENESS**

*“Instead, be kind to one another, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another**, as God in Christ forgave you.”
Ephesians 4:32 (NLT)*

*“Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, **forgiving each other**; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.” Colossians 3:13 (ESV)*

3. **ENCOURAGEMENT**

*“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for **building up**, as fits the occasion, that it may give **grace to those who hear.**” Ephesians 4:29 (ESV)*

*“And Let us consider how to **spur one another on to love and good deeds**. Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have made a habit, but let us encourage one another...” Hebrews 10:24-25 (BSB)*

4. **HELPFULNESS**

*“Do not forget to **do good** and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” Hebrews 13:16 (NIV)*

*“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us **do good** to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6:10 (NIV)*

*“**Do not withhold good** from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.” Proverbs 3:27 (NIV)*

Keep the Conversation Going...

1. In what ways have you experienced the kindness of God in your life?
2. Read Hebrews 10:24. What does it mean that kindness is love into action?
What are some ways to live this out?
3. What is the connection between kindness and forgiveness? Why is forgiveness costly?