

All In with Jordan Easley

Kindness

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INTRODUCTION

Sadly, kindness is growing more and more uncommon in our world today. Most people don't even know what true kindness is. The dictionary defines kindness as being good, friendly, generous, or considerate. But when you look at how the Bible defines kindness, it basically shows us that kindness is treating others the way God has treated you. To put it simply, kindness is love in action. So today, we're going to look at some truths about kindness and learn more about this fruit of the Spirit so we can begin growing in kindness as we grow close to Jesus.

KEY POINTS

1. Christian kindness comes from life transformation, not learned information.

You can learn as much as you want to about Jesus and the Bible, but if the Lord has not done a transformative work in you from the inside out, then you are not going to be able to be kind in the way that Scripture talks about.

Remember, the fruit reveals the truth. If you see plums on the tree... it's a plum tree. If you see apples on the tree, it's an apple tree. The fruit tells the truth about the tree. You can call yourself a Christian all day long, but if there's no fruit on the branches of your life that give evidence of that, maybe it's time for you to do business with the Lord. It's not enough to know about God to live out the fruits of the Spirit. You have to know Him personally and have a relationship with Him.

2. Being kind won't make you a Christian, but being a Christian will make you kind.

Many times, people hear messages on the Fruit of the Spirit, and they decide they're going to try to "get better" at living out these characteristics on their own. They hear, "the fruit of the Spirit is LOVE," and they think, "I'm going to LOVE more..." Then comes joy, peace, patience, kindness, and so on. And they think, "Maybe if I can just get better at doing these things, I'll become a good Christian." But that's not how it works.

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You can't BE good enough to BECOME a child of God. Jesus didn't tell us to BE. He told us to BELIEVE. And only when we BELIEVE will we BECOME who He designed us to BE. Only when we BELIEVE will we truly RECEIVE the gifts and the fruit that God intends for us to have.

3. Kindness should be a characteristic of every Christian. According to the Bible, kindness should be a characteristic of every Christian. Now, that doesn't mean you're always going to be kind. None of us have reached a level of perfection. We all fall short of the glory of God. But I will tell you that even though I'm not always kind, God's kindness and God's Spirit are constantly transforming my heart to become more like His, and the same is true for anyone who has surrendered their life to Jesus.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Do you find it easy or difficult to be kind? Why is that?
2. If people looked at the fruits of your life, would they be able to easily tell you're a believer? Or would there be some doubt regarding whether or not you're following Jesus?
3. What is one thing you can do this week to show kindness to someone?
