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Kindness

The Fruit of the Spirit

Gal. 5:22-23a; Micah 6:8



The
FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

GALATIANS 5:22-23

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joy, peace, patience, **kindness**,
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Refreshing, convicting, and extremely timely

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Discover the Power of
a Forgotten Christian Virtue

love **KINDNESS**



BARRY H. COREY

Foreword by **STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN**



“To be a Christian,
kindness must shape
us and define us.
But this powerful
virtue seems to be
characterizing us
less and not more.”

Barry Corey
Biola President



“Christians often
bypass kindness to
begin a shouting
match.”

Barry Corey
Biola President



“We have ranted
before we’ve
related.”

Barry Corey
Biola President



“We have employed
combative strategy,
and it’s not working.”

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“Our increasingly shrill sounds in the public square are not strengthening our witness but weakening it.”

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“We have lost an understanding of the power of kindness.”

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“Kindness has more
power to change
people than we can
imagine.”

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“It can break down
walls. Repair
relationships.
Empower people.”

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Biola President



“Kindness will help us
to be stronger leaders,
more winsome
neighbors, healthier
spouses, better
parents, truer friends,
more effective bosses,
and faithful disciples.”

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Biola President



“The way of kindness
is the answer for how
Christians need to
position themselves,
especially today... in
an increasingly
fragmented society.”

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“Kindness is
countercultural. It’s
risky. It’s costly. But
those are also the
adjectives that
describe what it truly
means to follow
Jesus.”

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“It’s time for us to
rediscover the
revolutionary force of
this fading Christian
virtue.”

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WHY BE KIND?

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- It's **who God is**

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(Describes God 182 times!

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- It's **who God is**
- It's **how God works**

“...the **kindness** of God leads
you to repentance.”

(Romans 2:4, NIV)

Kindness is not
the same as **niceness**

Kindness does not mean
you are soft on your
convictions

Niceness:

soft center/soft edges

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Aggression:

hard center/hard edges

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soft center/soft edges

Aggression:

hard center/hard edges

Kindness:

firm center/soft edges



WHY BE KIND?

- It's **who God is**
- It's **how God works**
- It's **what God wants**

“With what shall I come before
the LORD?”

(Micah 6:6, NASB)

“He has told you, O mortal,
what is good; and what the
LORD requires of you: to do
justice, to love kindness, and to
walk humbly with your God.”

(Micah 6:8, NASB)

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HOW CAN I BE KIND?

1. Kind **communication**

~~Must be Blackwood~~
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I woudnt wish ur hair on my worst enemy. ~~Hideous.~~ Hideous.

~~Monday Blackwood~~
~~Monday~~
I woudnt wish ur hair on my worst enemy. ~~_____~~ Hideous.

~~_____~~
Looks like they need sum sun!!!being an albino
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~~Johnis East~~

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spoiled ~~Username~~ girl. why r u still alive?! SHUT UP.

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~~Username~~ gag me.

“Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them...”

(Ephesians 4:29, NIV)

“Get rid of all bitterness, rage,
anger, harsh words, and slander,
as well as all types of evil
behavior.”

(Ephesians 4:31, NIV)

“Instead, be **kind** to each other,
tenderhearted, forgiving one
another, just as God through
Christ has forgiven you.”

(Ephesians 4:32, NIV)

“Anxiety weighs down the heart,
but a **kind word** cheers it up.”

(Proverbs 12:15, NIV)

“A good man ...will rebuke me in kindness.”

(Psalm 141:5, NIV)

2. Kind **action**

“You are the light of the world.
Let your light shine before others
in such a way that they may see
your good works, and glorify
your Father who is in heaven.”

(Matthew 5:16, NIV)

(Jesus said) “Truly I tell you,
whatever you did for one of the
least of these brothers and
sisters of mine, you did for me.”

(Matthew 25:40, NIV)



CULTIVATING
THE **FRUIT** OF THE **SPIRIT**

GROWING IN CHRISTLIKENESS

CHRISTOPHER J. H. WRIGHT

What would I do for people
if I were Christ?

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if **I** were Christ?

What would I do for people
if **they** were Christ?

3. Kind **reaction**

“But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.”

(Luke 6:35a, NIV)

“Then your reward will be great,
and you will be children of the
Most High, because he is kind to
the ungrateful and wicked.”

(Luke 6:35b, NIV)

Kindness doesn't mean
I **endorse** your **choice**

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Kindness means
I **listen** to your **voice**

**WHERE CAN I FIND
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“In response to all God has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to one another and doing good.”

(Hebrews 10:24, NIV)

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THE STRENGTH
TO BE KIND?

In God's lavish
kindness to me

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