

Fruitful Summer Devotion

Week 6- Kindness

Day 1: Kindness Flowing from God's Kindness

Scripture: Ephesians 4:32

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Christian kindness is never self-generated; it flows from being astonished by the kindness of God to us in Christ. The more we see ourselves as debtors forgiven, the more natural kindness becomes—not as a strategy to get something, but as a response to grace.

Application Questions:

1. How does reflecting on God's kindness to you shape how you treat others?
 2. Who in your life today needs to experience the kindness you've received from God?
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Day 2: Kindness to the Ungrateful and the Evil

Scripture: Luke 6:35

"Love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil."

God's kindness extends to those who don't deserve it—this is radical, costly, gospel-shaped kindness. When we are kind to people who can give us nothing in return, we are displaying the family resemblance of our Father.

Application Questions:

1. Who in your life are you tempted to withhold kindness from because they don't "deserve" it?
 2. How does God's kindness to you reshape your response to difficult people?
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Day 3: Kindness as a Witness

Scripture: Romans 2:4

"God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance."

Kindness is not weakness; it's a powerful apologetic. People are often argued out of positions but rarely argued into the kingdom. It is often kindness—undeserved, surprising, and persistent—that God uses to draw people to Himself.

Application Questions:

1. How could your consistent kindness toward someone open a door for gospel conversations?
 2. Is there someone in your life who needs to see the patience of God through your kindness?
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Day 4: Kindness in Our Speech

Scripture: Proverbs 16:24

"Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body."

Words can heal or crush. Gospel-shaped kindness transforms how we speak—our tone, our timing, our choice of words. When the heart is captured by grace, even our speech becomes a channel of life to others.

Application Questions:

1. What recent conversations have lacked the kindness of Christ in tone or content?
 2. How can you speak words today that bring life and encouragement to someone weary?
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Day 5: Kindness in the Ordinary

Scripture: Colossians 3:12

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."

The imagery of “putting on” kindness reminds us it's a deliberate choice. Kindness isn't just grand gestures—it's in the ordinary, unnoticed moments: a smile, a patient response, a willingness to listen. This quiet, everyday kindness reveals Christ to a watching world.

Application Questions:

1. What small, ordinary act of kindness can you intentionally practice today?
2. How might your home, workplace, or community change if you clothed yourself in kindness daily?

Day 6: Kindness as Sacrifice

Scripture: 2 Samuel 9:7

"And David said to him, 'Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and you shall eat at my table always.'"

David's kindness to Mephibosheth was costly, inconvenient, and countercultural—reflecting God's covenant kindness to us. True kindness often requires sacrifice: time, comfort, or reputation. But this is precisely when kindness displays the heart of God most vividly.

Application Questions:

1. What would costly kindness look like in your life this week?
 2. How does God's covenant faithfulness to you inspire sacrificial kindness to others?
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Day 7: Kindness that Reflects Christ

Scripture: Titus 3:4-5

"But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy."

At the heart of Christianity is the kindness of God appearing in the person of Jesus. This kindness wasn't abstract—it was incarnate, moving toward us in love. When we live with kindness as a disposition, we are simply letting His kindness be visible through us.

Application Questions:

1. How does meditating on Jesus as God's kindness in flesh change your heart toward others?
2. Where can you embody the kindness of Jesus this week in a tangible way?