



Love: Being Kind

Ramping Up Love

Love is patient and kind... 1 Cor 13:4

“Kindness is like a rose, which though easily crushed and fragile, yet speaks a language of silent power.”

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A. The Law Of Love

1. The entire will of God is based on love *Matt 22:34-40*
2. Faith hope and love; the greatest is love *1 Cor 13:13*
3. Faith works by love *Gal 5:6*
4. The royal law of scripture *James 2:8*
5. Love is one mark of knowing God *1 John 4:8*
6. Walk in love *Eph 5:2*
7. A new commandment of love *John 13:34*

B. Patience and Kindness

1. Kindness flows from patience
2. Patience is passive—kindness active
3. Patience will take anything from others; Kindness will give anything to others—even enemies.
4. When I am impatient—I seldom show kindness

C. What is Being Kind?

1. The Greek word used 1 Cor 13:4 for “kind” means to be useful, serving, and gracious. It is active goodwill. The root word means to “furnish what is needed.”
2. Jesus said, “*For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.*” The word for ‘easy’ is our word ‘kind’ in the Greek. Kindness is helping to bear the load of another. (*Matt 11:30*)
3. Kindness not only feels generous, it is generous.
4. Kindness not only desires others’ welfare, but works for it.
5. When Jesus commanded His disciples, including us, to love their enemies, He did not simply mean to feel kindly about them but to be kind to them. *Mat 5:40-41*

D. Kindness in Action

1. Kindness is a pathway to repentance *Rom 2:4*
2. Kindness is mercy in action *Titus 3:4-6*
3. Kindness creates a hunger for God’s word *1 Pet 2:2-3*

Kindness starts at home! In my house/home [family relationships] and in my home church. This is the testing ground of loving-patience and kindness. For the Corinthians, kindness meant giving up their selfish, jealous, spiteful and proud attitudes and adopting the spirit of loving-patience and kindness.

Can you ever remember a time when you regretted having said a kind word?

Put on Love

But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. *Col 3:14*

1Co 12:31

But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

1 Cor 13:1-8

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

2 And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

4 Love is patient [*long suffering*] and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away.