

# The Fruit of the Spirit

## The Nine Biblical Attributes

### Sanctification (10 Lessons)

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#### **A.THE TEXT**

##### **Theme Verse: (Galatians 5:22-25)**

**But the fruit of the Spirit is 1. love, 2. joy, 3. peace,**

**4. patience, 5. kindness, 6. goodness, 7. faithfulness, 8. gentleness, 9.**

**self-control; against such things there is no law.** And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

#### **THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – 5. KINDNESS**

**(2 Samuel 9:1-7)** And David said, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him **kindness** for Jonathan's sake?" (2) Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. And the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "I am your servant." (3) And the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show the **kindness** of God to him?" Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet." (4) The king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar." (5) Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. (6) And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, "Mephibosheth!" And he answered, "Behold, I am your servant." (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."

**(Proverbs 21:21)** Whoever pursues righteousness and **kindness** will find life, righteousness, and honor.

**(Proverbs 31:25-31)** Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. (26) She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of **kindness** is on her tongue. (27) She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. (28) Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: (29) "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." (30) Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. (31) Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

**(Micah 6:8)** He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love **kindness**, and to walk humbly with your God?

**(Zechariah 7:8-10)** And the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, saying, (9) "Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show **kindness** and mercy to one another, (10) do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart."

**(Acts 28:1-5)** After we were brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta. (2) The native people showed us unusual **kindness**, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold. (3) When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand. (4) When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live." (5) He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm.

**(Romans 2:1-8)** Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. (2) We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who do such things. (3) Do you suppose, O man--you who judge those who do such things and yet do them yourself--that you will escape the judgment of God? (4) Or do you presume on the riches of his **kindness** and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? (5) But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. (6) He will render to each one according to his works: (7) to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; (8) but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

**(Romans 11:21-25)** For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. (22) Note then the **kindness** and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's **kindness** to you, provided you continue in his **kindness**. Otherwise you too will be cut off. (23) And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. (24) For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree. (25) Lest you be wise in your own conceits, I want you to understand this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

**(2 Corinthians 6:3-10)** We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, (4) but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, (5) beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; (6) by purity, knowledge, patience, **kindness**, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; (7) by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; (8) through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; (9) as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; (10) as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

**(Ephesians 2:4-10)** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, (5) even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved-- (6) and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, (7) so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in **kindness** toward us in Christ Jesus. (8) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, (9) not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (10) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**(Colossians 3:12-17)** Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, **kindness**, humility, meekness, and patience, (13) 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. (14) And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. (15) And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. (16) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (17) And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**(Titus 3:4-7)** But when the goodness and loving **kindness** of God our Savior appeared, (5) he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, (6) whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, (7) so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

## B. THE STUDY NOTES

**Kindness = chrestotes (Greek) χρηστότης**

**Definition:** goodness, benignity, kindness, uprightness, gentleness.

"useful kindness" refers to meeting real needs, in God's way, With the believer, it is the Spirit-produced goodness which meets the need and avoids human harshness (cruelty)... being kind and good.

It signifies not merely goodness as a quality, rather it is goodness in action, goodness expressing itself in deeds.

“British statesman and financier Cecil Rhodes, whose fortune was used to endow the world-famous Rhodes Scholarships, was a stickler for correct dress - but apparently not at the expense of someone else's feelings. A young man invited to dine with Rhodes arrived by train and had to go directly to Rhodes's home in his travel-stained clothes. Once there he was embarrassed to find the other guests already assembled, wearing full evening dress. After what seemed a long time Rhodes appeared, in a shabby old blue suit. Later the young man learned that his host had been dressed in evening clothes, but put on the old suit when he heard of his young guest's dilemma.” *Today in the Word*, February, 1991, p. 10.

## C. THE LIFE APPLICATION

1. Recall a time in your life when someone showed you an act of extraordinary kindness.
2. How has the kindness of God in Jesus Christ impacted your life?
3. Give examples of the ways you can show kindness to others each and every day.