

Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

Kindness

- Kindness is the application of love toward neighbors [Lev 19:18], strangers [Lev 19:34] and even enemies [Matt 5:44].
 - Neighbors [Luke 10:30-37].
 - Strangers (even angels) [Heb 13:2].
 - Enemies [Rom 12:20; Acts 7:58-60].
- Kindness should be exercised even when no one is looking [Deut 22:1-4].
- Kindness is appropriate regardless of someone's social standing [2 Sam 9:1-3].
- Kindness is needed in times of adversity to help keep our eyes on the Lord [Job 6:14].
- Kindness is a desirable trait [Prov 19:22].
- Kindness is in a mother's teaching [Pr 31:26].
- A lack of kindness is sinful [Pr 14:21].
- Kindness is part of God's will for our personal behavior [Micah 6:8].
- Kindness is part of God's will for societal behavior [Zech 7:9-10].
- Believers in the Tribulation will be noted for their kindness [Matt 25:34-36].
- We receive temporal life blessings so that we can show kindness to others [Rom 15:1-5].
- This is true even when the blessings are given in the context of work [Acts 20:33-35].
- Kindness is an integral part of loving with God's kind of love (ἀγάπη) [1 Cor 13:4-8a].
- The type of kindness that a believer is able to show is a fruit of the Spirit [Gal 5:22-23].
- Kindness is particularly vital toward other believers [Gal 6:1-2, 10; Eph 4:32; Col 3:12-13; 1 Pet 3:8-9; 4:7-9].
- Widows will have opportunities for ministry in kindness [1 Tim 5:9-10].
- Kindness is actively seen in believers who are truly doers of the word and not merely hearers [1 John 3:17-18 cp. Jas 1:22].
- Kindness may involve rejoicing or weeping at the appropriate times [Rom 12:15].
- Conclusions
 - As God transforms believers, the Holy Spirit will manifest His love in them, and they will begin to develop a heart of graciousness and kindness.
 - This kindness is a function of that love being manifest in our hearts and is to be shown to family, friends, neighbors, those we do not know and even those who are our enemies.