



Kindness Leading to Repentance

Ephesians 4:32

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I. God models perfect kindness in His dealings with us.



Psalm 145:8-9

*⁸ The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and great in faithful love.*

⁹ The Lord is good to everyone;

His compassion rests on all He has made.

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Romans 2:4

Or do you despise the riches of His kindness, restraint, and patience, not recognizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?



II. Kindness is making other people's needs your priority.

Proverbs 19:17

Kindness to the poor is a loan to the Lord, and He will give a reward to the lender.

Ephesians 4:32

And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.



II. Kindness is making other people's needs your priority.

Genesis 24:12-27

¹² “Lord, God of my master Abraham,” he prayed, “give me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. ¹³ I am standing here at the spring where the daughters of the men of the town are coming out to draw water.



Genesis 24:12-27

*¹⁴ Let the girl to whom I say, ‘Please lower your water jug so that I may drink,’ and who responds, ‘Drink, and I’ll water your camels also’—let her be the one You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. By this I will know that You have shown **kindness** to my master.”*



Genesis 24:12-27

¹⁵ Before he had finished speaking, there was Rebekah...coming with a jug on her shoulder. ¹⁶ Now the girl was very beautiful, a young woman who had not known a man intimately. She went down to the spring, filled her jug, and came up. ¹⁷ Then the servant ran to meet her and said, "Please let me have a little water from your jug."



Genesis 24:12-27

¹⁸ She replied, “Drink, my lord.” She quickly lowered her jug to her hand and gave him a drink.

¹⁹ When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, “I’ll also draw water for your camels until they have had enough to drink.” ²⁰ She quickly emptied her jug into the trough and hurried to the well again to draw water.



Genesis 24:12-27

She drew water for all his camels ²¹ while the man silently watched her to see whether or not the Lord had made his journey a success. ²² After the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold ring weighing half a shekel, and for her wrists two bracelets weighing 10 shekels of gold.



Genesis 24:12-27

23 “Whose daughter are you?” he asked. “Please tell me, is there room in your father’s house for us to spend the night?”

24 She answered him, “I am the daughter of Bethuel son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor.”

25 She also said to him, “We have plenty of straw and feed and a place to spend the night.”



Genesis 24:12-27

²⁶ Then the man bowed down, worshiped the Lord, ²⁷ and said, “Praise the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not withheld His kindness and faithfulness from my master. As for me, the Lord has led me on the journey to the house of my master’s relatives.”



III. Christians are called to show kindness to everyone we encounter, even enemies

Luke 6:32-36

³² If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do what is good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive,



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Luke 6:32-36

what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do what is good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is gracious to the ungrateful and evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.



Luke 10:25-37

25 Just then an expert in the law stood up to test Him, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 “What is written in the law?” He asked him. “How do you read it?”

27 He answered: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.



Luke 10:25-37

28 “You’ve answered correctly,” He told him. “Do this and you will live.”²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”³⁰ Jesus took up the question and said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him up, and fled, leaving him half dead.³¹ A priest happened to be going down that road. When he saw him,



Luke 10:25-37

he passed by on the other side. ³² In the same way, a Levite, when he arrived at the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan on his journey came up to him, and when he saw the man, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went over to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on olive oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.



Luke 10:25-37

35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him. When I come back I’ll reimburse you for whatever extra you spend.’

36 “Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?”

37 “The one who showed mercy to him,” he said. Then Jesus told him, “Go and do the same.”

Who has shown you kindness recently?

Who have you shown kindness to recently?