

# The Truth Files

## Kindness in a World of Selfishness

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THE FRUIT IS OUT THERE

*"The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"*

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT

Matthew 22:36-40 (NLT) – "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" Jesus replied, "'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

John 13:34-35 (NLT) – "I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

KINDNESS = \_\_\_\_\_.

Titus 3:4 (AMP) – "The goodness and kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared in human form as the Man, Jesus Christ."

John 13:15 (CEV) – "I have set the example, and you should do for each other exactly what I have done for you."

## How Jesus Shows me Kindness:

### 1. He understands \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 4:15-16 (CEV) – "Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin! So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with undeserved kindness, and we will find help."

#### Turning Jesus' Kindness Outward:

Galatians 6:1-2 (GW) – "Brothers and sisters, if a person gets trapped by wrongdoing, those of you who are spiritual should help that person turn away from doing wrong. Do it in a gentle way. At the same time watch yourself so that you also are not tempted. Help carry each other's burdens. In this way you will follow Christ's teachings."

### 2. He tells me \_\_\_\_\_.

John 8:32 (NLT) – "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

#### Turning Jesus' Kindness Outward:

Ephesians 4:15 (AMP) – "Let our lives lovingly express truth in all things, speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly."

Proverbs 24:26 (GNT) – "An honest answer is a sign of true friendship."

Proverbs 27:5-6 (CEV) – "A truly good friend will openly correct you. You can trust a friend who corrects you..."

### 3. He forgives \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 103:12 (TLB) – "He has removed our sins as far away from us as the east is from the west."

Luke 15:20 (MSG) – "When he was still a long way off, his father saw him. His heart pounding, he ran out, embraced him, and kissed him."

Romans 3:23-24 (TLB) – "Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious ideal; yet now God declares us "not guilty" of offending him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in his kindness freely takes away our sins."

#### Turning Jesus' Kindness Outward:

Ephesians 4:32 (NLT) – "Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you."

### 4. He affirms \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 139:16-18 (TLB) – "You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book! How precious it is, Lord, to realize that you are thinking about me constantly! I can't even count how many times a day your thoughts turn toward me."

Romans 5:8 (NLT) – "God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners..."

1 Peter 1:18 (MSG) – "It cost God plenty to get you out of that dead-end, empty-headed life you grew up in. He paid with Christ's sacred blood."

Isaiah 49:16 (GNT) – "I can never forget you! I have written your name on the palms of my hands."

#### Turning Jesus' Kindness Outward:

Romans 15:7 (GW) – "Accept each other in the same way that Christ accepted you."

1 Peter 2:17 (NIV) – "Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers..."

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT) – "Encourage each other and build each other up."

*"In response to all he has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good."*

Hebrews 10:24 (TLB)

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