

Love is Kind

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LOVE
THE HEART OF GOD'S PLAN

"Love is kind." *1 Corinthians 13:4b* (NIV)

This week in both the weekend message and our small groups we'll study Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10, Christ's famous answer to a question on how to love others.

3 attitudes toward others

Adapted from "Love is Kind", Rick Warren

- "Keep my distance"
"There was a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead. It so happened that a priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he **walked on by on the other side.**" *Luke 10:30-31* (GN)
- "Curious but uninvolved"
"In the same way a Levite also came there, **went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by** on the other side." *Luke 10:32* (GN)
- "Treat others how I want to be treated"
"But a Samaritan who was traveling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity." *Luke 10:33* (GN)

How can I become a kinder person?

1. _____ the needs of people around me

"When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him." *Luke 10:33b* (Message)

"Look out for the good of others." *1 Corinthians 10:24* (NCV)

SENSITIVITY: (Needs work) 1 2 3 4 5 (Great)

2. _____ with people's pain

"When he saw him, **his heart was filled with pity.**" *Luke 10:33* (GN)

"Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ."
Galatians 6:2 (NLT)

SYMPATHY: (Needs work) 1 2 3 4 5 (Great)

3. _____ the moment to be kind

"Kneeling beside him, the Samaritan **soothed his wounds** with medicine and bandaged them." *Luke 10:34a* (NLT)

“Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is God’s hand for that person.” *Proverb 3:27* (Message)

“Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them **now**.” *Proverb 3:28* (GN)

“Always treat others as you would like them to treat you.” *Matthew 7:12* (JB)

SPONTANEOUS KINDNESS: (Needs work) 1 2 3 4 5 (Great)

4. _____ whatever it takes

“Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two pieces of silver and told him to take care of the man. ‘If his bill runs higher than that,’ he said, ‘I’ll pay the difference the next time I am here.’” *Luke 10:34b-35* (NLT)

Why should I?

- Kindness has been shown me by God (Jeremiah 31:3; Acts 14:17)
- Kindness is an act of worship (Isaiah 63:7)
- Kindness honors God (Proverbs 14:31)
- Kindness makes me happy (Proverbs 11:17; 14:21)
- Kindness makes me attractive (“Kindness makes a man attractive.” Proverbs 19:22)
- Kindness makes my faith attractive (1 Peter 2:12)
- Kindness is blessed by God (Proverb 19:17)

“If you feed the hungry and **take care of the needs of those who are troubled**, then your light will shine in the dark. The Lord will always lead you and He’ll satisfy **your needs** in dry lands... You’ll be like a spring that never runs dry!” *Isaiah 58:10-11* (NCV)

“He who is **kind** to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.” *Proverb 19:17*

“Your own soul is **nourished** when you are kind.” *Proverb 11:17* (NLT)

LOVE PROJECTS



1. Bring food for Second Harvest. Let’s break last year’s record! **Bring in food starting October 25 through November 9**
2. Participate in a ShareFest project on Saturday, Oct. 25. **More info at www.santacruzfest.org**

3. Have your small group apply for a LOVE grant: **Apply online at www.tldove.com**
4. Do weekly acts of kindness and leave a LOVE calling card.
5. Write someone a “LOVE” card.

Preview Weekend: What Matters Most

“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” *Matthew 22:37-39* (NIV)

Week 1: God’s Love for You

“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.” *1 John 4:16*

Week 2: Love is Patient

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.” *1 Corinthians 13:4-5*

Week 3: Love is Kind

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” *John 13:34-35*

Week 4: Love is Secure

“Let the beloved of the LORD rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long...” *Deuteronomy 33:12b*

Week 5: Love Forgives

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.” *1 Peter 4:8*

Week 6: Telling God You Love Him

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” *Romans 8:38-39*

Week 7: What Matters Most

“Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.” *1 Corinthians 13:6-8a*



Memory Verse

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