

Making Relationships Last A Lifetime - Part 5 TRY A LITTLE KINDNESS

Kindness is: Love In Action

JESUS IS "THE KINDNESS OF GOD" Titus 3:4

"I have set an example for you ... do as I have done for you." John 13:15

HOW IS JESUS KIND TO ME?

1. JESUS UNDERSTANDS MY WEAKNESSES

"(Jesus) understands our weaknesses since he had the same temptations we do, though he never once gave way to them and sinned. So let us come boldly to (him) ... and find grace to help us in our times of need." Heb. 4:15-16 (LB)

"(If someone) is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help him back onto the right path, remembering that next time it might be one of you who is in the wrong. Share each other's troubles and problems." Gal 6:1-2 (LB)

Being kind like Christ means. . . Being gentle not judgmental

2. JESUS TELLS ME THE TRUTH

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

"Let our lives lovingly express the truth in all things..." Eph. 4:15 (Amp)

"An honest answer is the sign of a true friendship." Pr. 24:26 (GN)

"A good man... will rebuke me in kindness." Ps. 141:5 (GN)

Being kind like Christ means. . . Telling the truth in love

3. JESUS FORGIVES MY SIN

"All of us have sinned...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." Rom. 3:23-24 (LB)

"...through what Christ would do for us, God decided to make us holy in his eyes, without a single fault -- we stand before him covered with his love." Eph. 1:4 (LB)

"Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God has forgiven you because you belong to Christ." Eph. 4:32 (LB)

Being kind like Christ means. . . Being forgiving of others

4. JESUS AFFIRMS MY WORTH

1. God Thinks About Me

"You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life... How precious it is, Lord, to realize that you are thinking about me constantly!" Ps. 139:16-17 (LB)

2. GOD Sent His Son To Die For Me

"God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us..." Rom. 5:8 (LB)

"...you were redeemed from the empty way of life ... with the precious blood of Christ." 1 Pet. 1:18-19

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you." Rom. 15:7

"Show respect for everyone." 1 Peter 2:17 (LB)

"Encourage one another and build each other up." 1 Thess. 5:11

Being kind like Christ means. . . Affirming and encouraging others

"In response to all God has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other..." Heb. 10:24 (LB)