"Kindness" Series: Nurturing Our Walk in the Spirit Tony Thornton, Minister February 7, 2021

We live in a world of "random acts of Kindness". Our Norm, Kindness as Paul envisions the Spirit producing within us, goes back to idea of Hesed.

Hesed is a multidimensional description of _____ What is God like?

"Surely your goodness and love (hesed) will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." Psalm 23:6

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love (hesed) endures forever. *Psalm 136:1 (repeated 26 times for each verse!)*

"The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful (hesed) in all he does." Psalm 145:17

Jesus is Hesed

"The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation." Colossians 1:15

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven." Hebrews 1:3

The Spirit is leading us to " to be Kind!"

"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in *Christ* you *have been brought to fullness*. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead." Colossians 2:9-12

"Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. ³ So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? ⁴ Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?" Romans 2:2-4

2 changes ideas/thoughts are needed for a bumper crop of Spiritual Fruit, especially Kindness:

Thought #1: "do all ______ of the Lord Jesus" "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Colossians 3:17

Thought #2: "do as working "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,..." Colossians 3:23

One Takeaway action point:

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