



FRUIT *of* *the* SPIRIT

STUDY GUIDE



ABOUT KINDNESS.



KINDNESS:

- Kindness brings **correction**. (Revelation 3:19)
- It is for **enemies**. (Romans 12:19-21)
- Leads to **repentance**. (Romans 2:3-4)
- Kindness is the **nature of God**. (Titus 3:1-5)
- Reflects the **covenant** "loyal love" of God*. (Exodus 34:6, 2 Corinthians 1:20)
- Kindness **heals** what bad leadership hurt. (2 Samuel 9:8)
- Connected to **compassion**. (Matthew 25:35-40)

**Kindness
is MERCY in
action!**

CAUTION: *Kindness does not mean tolerating sin;
it confronts sin and establishes God's nature!*

THE **KINDNESS** OF JESUS:

- Jesus **washed his disciple's feet** before they betrayed Him. (John 13:1-11)
- Jesus **healed** the ear of the man who came to arrest Him. (Luke 22:50)
- Jesus **forgave** the soldiers who crucified Him. (Luke 23:34)
- Jesus called Judas **"friend"** when he betrayed Him with a kiss. (Matthew 26:48-50)
- Jesus **died for us** while we were His enemies. (Romans 5:8-10)

Showing kindness to your enemies is when things get RADICAL!

GROW IN KINDNESS.



You will produce the Spiritual Fruit of kindness by loving people the way God has loved you!

3 WAYS TO PRODUCE KINDNESS:

RADICAL LOVE: You will produce kindness by loving people the way God has loved you. (Deuteronomy 7:9)

FORGIVENESS: You will produce kindness by forgiving like Jesus forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)

MERCY: You will produce kindness by showing others the kindness God showed you. (Matthew 5:7)

David's Kindness to Mephibosheth:

(2 Samuel 9:3-11)

- Leaders who put themselves first **always** hurt people. (2 Samuel 4:4)
- God's kindness is **covenant-keeping**. (2 Timothy 2:13)
- The **grace of God** invites us to His table, crippled and broken yet honored. (2 Samuel 9:11, Matthew 11:28)
- Even if you were dropped by a leader, you can be **lifted** by the King! (2 Samuel 9:7)

THE LORD IS REQUIRING KINDNESS!



APPLICATION.



QUESTIONS FOR **YOURSELF:**

- Do I show kindness even when it is undeserved?
- How can I show forgiveness in the relationships and situations God has entrusted to me?
- What enemy do I need to show kindness to?

QUESTIONS FOR **GOD:**

- How can I be led by kindness?
- What promises have I made to You and not kept?
- Will You teach me how to love my enemies and give me Your heart for Your people?

QUESTIONS FOR **OTHERS:**

- Do you see the spiritual fruit of kindness in my life?
- What does walking in true kindness look like?
- Why do you think we struggle to show mercy towards God's people when He gave everything for us?

STEWARDED KINDNESS:

- Remember and thank God for His kindness everyday.
- Repent for not walking in the spiritual fruit of kindness and ask the Holy Spirit to cultivate kindness in you.
- Meditate on the Gospels and on the kindness of Jesus. (John 13:1-11, Luke 22:50, Luke 23:34, Matthew 26:48-50, Romans 5:8-10)
- Submit rebukes and corrections with humility. ("Can I submit something to you?")
- Ask the Holy Spirit how to love your enemies!



PRAAYER OF **RADICAL** **LOVE.**

Father, I really do love You. I call You Holy, You call me Beloved! Thank You for loving me. Today I love on You. Would You love on me? Your love is perfect. I want to love like You! Help me love my neighbor and my enemy. Teach me how to war in love. I pray the love of God casts out all fear. Shame, go! Glory of God come fill me. Holy Spirit help me to love what You love and hate what You hate. I choose to obey You today! Lord, I love You with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength. I pray today to encounter Your radical love! Amen.

