
Romans 12:19 Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

What blocks our kindness?

Romans 2:1 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

² Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth.

³ So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment?

Romans 2:4 Or do you show contempt for the **riches of his kindness**, tolerance and patience, not realizing that **God's kindness** leads you toward repentance?

Romans 11:22 Consider therefore the **kindness** and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.

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Kindness

The Fruit of the Spirit—pt. 5

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Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, **kindness**, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Biblical kindness

"Chrestos" -

"Chrestotes" -

God's loving-kindness

Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with **loving-kindness**."

Jeremiah 9:24 But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know me and understand that I am the Lord who demonstrates **loving kindness** and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things. I, the Lord, have spoken!

Jeremiah 32:18 You show **unfailing love** to thousands, but you also bring the consequences of one generation's sin upon the next. You are the great and powerful God, the Lord of Heaven's Armies.

Lam. 3:32 Though he brings grief, he also shows compassion because of the greatness of his **unfailing love**.

Daniel 9:4 I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: "O Lord, you are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill your covenant and keep your promises of **unfailing love** to those who love you and obey your commands.

Hosea 11:4 I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; I lifted the yoke from their neck and bent down to feed them.

An example of godly kindness

2 Samuel 9:1 David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can **show kindness** for Jonathan's sake?"

³ ... Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet."

⁵ So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel.

⁶ When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, "Mephibosheth!" "Your servant," he replied.

⁷ "Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely **show you kindness** for the sake of your father Jonathan. **I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table.**"

⁸ Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?"

⁹ Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family.

¹⁰ You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table."

¹¹ So Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons.

Kindness in the face of meanness.

Luke 6:35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because He is **kind** to the ungrateful and wicked.
