

SpiritFruit

Lesson Six • Luke 6:27-36

The SpiritFruit of Kindness

What Is the SpiritFruit of Kindness?

Kindness is the Christ-like response to those who are unkind; it's love in ACTION.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23 ESV

“The Golden Rule”

Kindness is treating others the way we WISH to be treated.

“And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.” Luke 6:31 ESV

Bearing the SpiritFruit of Kindness:

1. Kindness Responds with LOVE Not Retaliation!

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.” Luke 6:27-28 NIV

Who Are My “Enemies”?

Your “enemy” may be ANYONE who curses you, hates you, mistreats you, or offends you; he or she may live in your home, work at your job, or worship at your church.

What Does Kindness in Action Look Like?

- DO GOOD to those who hate you.
- BLESS those who curse you.

- PRAY for those who mistreat you.

- GREET those who offend you. *Matthew 5:47*

Two Illustrations of Kindness in Action:

- Have you been INSULTED with a slap in the face? Don't seek revenge.
“If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also.” Luke 6:29 NIV
- Have you been CHEATED out of your stuff? Don't demand retribution.
“If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.” Luke 6:29-30 NIV

The Spirit's Kindness VS. The World's Kindness:

The Spirit's radical kindness far EXCEEDS the world's standard of kindness.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great...” Luke 6:32-35 NIV

2. Kindness Reveals the LOVINGKINDNESS of God!

“...and you will be children of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” Luke 6:35-36

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, Titus 3:4-5 ESV

Two Implications:

Responding with kindness is radical, therefore we must rely on the SPIRIT.

Responding with kindness is an opportunity to SHOW Christ.