

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Eddie Dickinson

Opening Prayer: Greg Lowery

On the Table: Head - Billy Box
Servers - Josh Berryhill
Bradley Box
Ralph Burleson

Closing Prayer: Al Corkren

Preparing the Lord's Supper Donna York

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study	10:00 am
Morning Worship	10:45 am
Evening Worship	5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 pm
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Seek The Lord And Ye Shall Live



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And Be Ye Kind

By Rodney Nulph

“And be ye kind one to another...” (Ephesians 4:32a). Every command that God gives is always for our best interest! Sadly, sometimes humanity never realizes that the demands and the prohibitions that God outlines in His Word are given so that God’s crown creation – mankind – may live abundant lives both here and in eternity (John 10:10). We find ourselves in a mixed-up world with emotional, mental and psychological illnesses, which are sometimes more prevalent and more widely seen because God’s Word is not being honored and revered. God’s way is always the best way! God’s law of kindness is no exception. We are living in a world where kindness is not the norm, and sadly it is affecting our society in a seriously negative way. Consider with me the importance of God’s law of kindness.

Firstly, the demonstration of kindness. The Bible is inundated with actions of kindness. One of the early ones was shown by Pharaoh’s daughter (Exodus 2:5-10). This young Egyptian lady knew the law her father implemented and enforced. “...Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river...” (Exodus 1:22). Kindness, spurred by compassion for baby Moses, caused this Egyptian to behave in an unusual way. Notice carefully, saving this child was not the norm; it was anything but the norm. In fact, the norm was to follow the law and slay every Hebrew male child. Kindness changed it all!

Even prior to this act of kindness is another almost unbelievable action on the part of Joseph (Genesis 37:12-36). After being abandoned, sold, betrayed and downright horribly mistreated by his very own flesh and blood, Joseph behaved in a kind manner many years later when the same brothers needed his help. Kindness does not repay or give back what others really deserve. Numerous other demonstrations of kindness could be cited: Boaz, Good Samaritan, Barnabas, Stephen and most obvious is the Lord Himself!

The data regarding kindness. Amazingly, non-biblical studies have been conducted and have shown that kindness does amazing things for individuals and communities alike. Experts say that teaching children to be kind actually helps and encourages success in their lives.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Lannie & Glenda Key: be praying for both of them during this difficult time

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Sister} is in the nursing home in Guin, pray for her she has some ongoing health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Angie Ganey Gardner: fighting against breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Shauna Silas: diagnosed with thyroid cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer will be defeated

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Glynda Long: she is fighting stage 4 colon cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Don Lawrence: hip replacement surgery went well, please be praying for a successful recovery

Celia Grace Hamlett, daughter of Gary and Kassie Hamlett, was diagnosed with MLD(Metachromatic Leukodystrophy); planning on gene replacement treatment; please pray that these treatments will be successful.

Pam Braden: she is dealing with some ongoing health problems, please continue to keep her in your prayers

Guy Weeks: is undergoing cancer treatments, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Sandy Markham: is having a problem with her ankle, please pray that this will get better

Maddie Bishop (young girl South Haleyville) diagnosed with stage 4 Ewing sarcoma, please pray for her and her family and that treatments can defeat this cancer

Billy Lee {Carolyn’s Brother} he is in renal failure, is back at the nursing home in Guin, please be praying for him and the staff caring for him

Timmy Weeks: he is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that he will receive treatments that can restore his health

Danny Berryhill: diagnosed with thickness of the heart, please be praying that doctors can successfully help him with this problem

Bill Berryhill: dealing with cancer, please be pray that his battle with cancer can be controlled and won

Mason Estes: he is need of a liver transplant; please be keeping him and his family in your prayers

Becky Jones: she has been diagnosed with renal failure; please be keeping her in your prayers

Frank Farris: is dealing with some health problems, please pray that he gets better

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today Bible Bowl (Carbon Hill)

Tonight Sunday Night Singing & Prayer

A study of more than 50,000 business professionals referenced in the Harvard Business Review found that likeability is one of the keys to effective leadership. The study showed that people who score low on a rating of “likeability” have only a 1-in-2,000 chance of being rated as effective leaders. This type of research suggests that kindness is not an add-on to be thought of once we’ve reached the top. Instead, it’s a fundamental component of getting there in the first place.
(<https://www.learningliftoff.com/how-teaching-kids-to-be-kind-can-affect-their-success>)

Similar studies have shown that boys who are rated as “kind” by their kindergarten teachers are shown to make more money 30 years down the road. Middle school aged young people who are characterized as kind, helpful and compassionate also excel higher than others without the same character traits. Obviously, these studies only look at success upon this earth and speak nothing of the success that will follow in the afterlife for those who are kind and compassionate!

The Development of kindness. You may be thinking to yourself, yes all of the above may be true, but sometimes it is difficult to be kind, especially to those who are so unkind. This difficulty can be made less with some help from God’s Word.

#1 Kindness begins in the mind. To be kind, we must think kind thoughts. Thoughts become action, so if my thoughts regarding another are not right, my actions will soon follow and not be right either. However, the opposite is true as well; if my thoughts are filled with kindness, my actions will follow and be kind as well (Philippians 4:8-9). Someone has suggested keeping a kindness journal, wherein you can list names of people and ways to express kindness to them.

#2 Kindness is the result of mutuality (empathy). Being empathetic and understanding others can go a long way in dealing kindly with them. Matthew 7:12 is the classic kindness text in this regard. How do I want others to treat me? That is exactly the way I should treat them, too!

#3 Kindness is generated by meekness. Kindness and gentleness go hand in hand. Look at Christ; the kindest man to have ever lived was also the meekest man to have ever lived (Matthew 11:28-30).

#4 Kindness comes with maturity. Peter listed kindness as one of the Christian graces that mature Christians develop in their walk with Jesus (2 Peter 1:5-8). Paul listed kindness as a fruit that is produced by those who are mature enough to walk in the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

Kindness to the Christian is like water to a fish; without it we die! Kindness should encapsulate our very beings (Colossians 3:12). Someone has well written, "A single act of kindness throws our roots in all directions, and the root springs up and makes new trees." Another wrote, "Kindness is the language the deaf can hear and the blind can see." Be ye kind!

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Bible ... Sin ... Grace

Three Acrostics

B-I-B-L-E	S-I-N	G-R-A-C-E
B - Basic	S - Self	G - God's
I - Instructions	I - Inflicted	R - Riches
B - Before	N - Nonsense	A - At
L - Life		C - Christ's
E - Ends		E - Expense

The Bible Reveals Sin and the Grace of God that Provides Salvation



Barnes' Bible Charts

Can We See Who We Really Are?

By Brian R. Kenyon

A preacher was recently going through airport security when he saw an unusual sight. At the point where boarding pass holders must empty their pockets and send carry-ons to be checked, a blind man, being guided by his friend or relative, was removing large gold chains and charms from around his neck and placing them in the bin to send through the x-ray machine. Why would a blind man wear all that "bling, bling"? Whatever the reason, the preacher thought, "Wow! All that sparkle, and he can't even see himself."

There is a greater spiritual lesson to this scene. Sometimes, a Christian can act in such ways that others legitimately wonder, "Does he actually realize what he's doing and how counterproductive that is to what he claims?" For example, do Christians who promote or defend immodesty, homosexual practice, or other acts of immorality, whether on Facebook or face to face, actually realize how they look to God and to worldly people? Do Christians who forsake assembling with the local church because they are too involved with recreation not realize they are idolizing passing pleasures of this world in place of the eternal satisfaction of spiritual enrichment? Do Christians whose actions show they love this world more than God not realize the jeopardy in which they place their souls and the harm their influence brings on the local church?

The only true way to see ourselves as we really are is to look into the mirror of God's Word. "For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does" (James 1:23-25). May each of us constantly examine ourselves with God's Word, not comparing ourselves with others (2 Corinthians 10:12-18). The more we see ourselves as God sees us, the better we can adjust to be more like Jesus!

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