

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Try a Little Kindness

Philippians 4:5

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*"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, **kindness**, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23, NIV)*

WHY SHOULD WE BE KIND?

1. Because God **HAS BEEN KIND** to us.

"Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you?" (Romans 2:4a, NLT)

2. Because kindness shows others that **JESUS IS REAL**.

"We prove ourselves by our purity, our understanding, our patience, our kindness, by the Holy Spirit within us, and by our sincere love." (2 Corinthians 6:6, NLT)

"Let everyone see that you are gentle and kind. The Lord is coming soon." (Philippians 4:5, NCV)

3. Because someone has to **LEAD THE WAY**.

"For whatever a person sows, this he will also reap." (Galatians 6:7, NASB)

WHO NEEDS OUR KINDNESS?

1. **CRANKY PEOPLE**.

"A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone...and be patient with difficult people." (2 Timothy 2:24, NLT)

2. **INCONSIDERATE PEOPLE**.

"But love your enemies, do good to them...Then you will have a great reward, and you will be children of the Most High God, because he is kind even to people who are ungrateful and full of sin." (Luke 6:35, NCV)

3. **NEGATIVE PEOPLE**.

"God our Father loved us and by his kindness gave us everlasting encouragement and good hope..." (2 Thessalonians 2:16, GW)

4. **DEPRESSED & DISCOURAGED PEOPLE**.

"So I gave up in despair, questioning the value of all my hard work in this world." (Ecclesiastes 2:20, NLT)

"Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up." (Proverbs 12:25, NIV)

"Your own soul is nourished when you are kind..." (Proverbs 11:17, TLB)

Action Step:

DO ONE INTENTIONAL ACT OF KINDNESS