

The Fruit of the Spirit – Kindness

Romans 2:4 Or do you presume on the riches of his **kindness** and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

Hebrew

kindness **חֶסֶד** chesed

The state or quality of being kind, in any of its various senses; manifestation of kind feeling or disposition beneficence.

Prov. 21:21 Whoever pursues righteousness and **kindness** will find life, righteousness, and honor.

Greek

kindness **χρηστότης** chrēstotēs (khray-stot'-ace)

the quality of being helpful or beneficial, goodness, kindness, generosity

Col. 3:12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

Questions to Ponder

1. How does or should the kindness I show to others reflect God's kindness to me?
2. What do I seek to gain from the kindness I show?
3. What is the nature of a pure act of kindness?
4. Do my kind acts have the components of mercy, love, and compassion? Or does my kindness come with expectations?
5. How much am I willing to sacrifice for others? (Money, Time)

Word Study

Hebrew

Old Testament Scriptures

Gen. 19:19; 20:13; 40:14;

Ruth 2:20; 3:10;

1 Sam. 15:6;

2 Sam. 9:1, 3, 7;

2 Chr. 24:22;

Job 6:14;

Psa. 109:12, 16; 141:5;

Prov. 21:21; 31:26;

Mic. 6:8;

Zech. 7:9

Greek

New Testament Scriptures

Acts 24:4; Acts 28:2;

Rom. 2:4; 11:22;

2 Cor. 6:6;

Gal. 5:22;

Eph. 2:7;

Col. 3:12

Titus 3:4