

WEEK 6: Kindness (*Chrēstotēs*)

*Walk by the Spirit... The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, **kindness**, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:16, 22-23)*

[WARMUP]

[READ: Titus 3:4-5]

Jesus is the epitome of all the Fruit of the Spirit. He is never less than these.

[THINK]

Q: How would you characterize Jesus in these verses?

Matthew 5:27-30

Matthew 23:25-28

Mark 7:24-30

Mark 10:17-23

John 4:16-19

John 6:56-61

John 8:44-47

“Note then the kindness and the severity of God...” (Romans 11:22).

Mr. Nice Guy

Mr. Polite

Mr. Avoid-Awkwardness

Mr. Fix-It

Mr. Nonconfrontational

Mr. Everyone’s Friend

Mr. Well-Behaved

Mr. Politically Correct

Mr. Pleasant

Jesus is always **kind**. But He isn’t always NICE .

Q: What is kindness, then?

[Romans 2:4; 3:12] Kindness is a desire for another person’s GOOD .

A final caution: [1 Corinthians 13:4-6]

SUMMARY:

- True kindness is an expression of goodwill, a genuine desire for others’ good.
- Kindness isn’t just being pleasant, nice, or polite (yet it remains humble, not prideful).