

October 11 / Sunday

Finding Kindness & Goodness

Read [2 Cor. 6:3-6](#) / [2 Thess. 1:11-12](#) / [Acts 10:38](#)



12 / Mon – A God who is kind | Read [Psalm 103:13-14](#)

Kindness is one of God's characteristics not often talked about. Instead God is sometimes viewed as wrathful and angry. And He is angry...at sin, because of what it does to the people He loves so much. The Lord is, however, kind to us because He understands how weak human beings are. See the previous verses 2-12 for more evidence. Which of these have you experienced? What truths do you challenge the devil with when he tries lying to you about God's kind intentions?

13 / Tue – You never know | Read [Genesis 24:10-20, 50-51, 66-67](#)

Unexpected things can happen because of kindness you extend to others. Hospitality required this young woman to offer water to the dusty stranger. But watering his camels went beyond that. One single camel can drink up to 100 gallons in a visit to the well. What kindness she gave to this man and his 10 camels! Unknowingly, her action was the first step on a journey to becoming one of Jesus' foremothers. Has your kindness ever elicited unexpected responses? What happened?

14 / Wed – Start here | Read [John 8:3-11](#) / [Luke 10:30-37](#)

There are some prerequisites for producing the fruit of kindness. First is recognizing the kindness God has shown toward you, second is following the example Jesus set, and third is understanding what your motive is. Seeing a need, putting aside any self-centered focus, showing kindness when there is no possible benefit in it for you...these are true hallmarks of the godly kindness that grows in your life as you stay connected to the Vine. What motivates *you* to acts of kindness?

15 / Thu – A God who is good | Read [Genesis 3:1-8](#) / [Psalm 145:8-9](#)

God's goodness has been under attack since the first recorded relationship between human beings and their Creator. Notice how the devil took a sliver of truth, twisted it and used it to question God's motives, pretending to have Adam and Eve's best interests in mind. Has he ever done this with you? Did you recognize it *before* or *after* you made a choice? The next time you are tempted to doubt God's good heart, look at the history of His deeds.

16 / Fri – Show and tell | Read [Acts 10:38](#) / [2 Thessalonians 1:11-12](#)

The fruit of goodness growing in your life will be seen in the actions you take. It is God's power that helps you be and do good. What unexpected and good things could you do this week? Open a door, give an honest compliment, let someone take the better parking spot? You might also decide to do something anonymously. Even if the recipient does not know the Lord, their response might be to look up in gratitude. Whatever you do, be intentional and have fun blessing others!

17 / Sat – Look closely | Read [Philippians 1:9-11](#) / [Acts 8:9-24](#)

An afterword about good and evil: they both exist and are very real. The contrast between the two can be striking but there are times, all too often, when the difference is hardly noticeable. To keep from tripping up, you need the discernment of the Holy Spirit. God will always make good come out of evil, but He'll *never* ask you to do something wrong or even questionable in order to accomplish His purposes. What scripture could you use to counter this temptation?