



OUR FAMILY VALUES

LOVE

Theme: Love

Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: Love is Kind

Key Scripture: *1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant,*

Read: As we looked at on Sunday, there are 16 attributes that Paul uses to describe what the Father's love is. Last week we looked at love being patient. This week we will look at Love is Kind. This is the second attribute of God, for God is love.

What is our experience of love being kind? Is this a tangible reality for us or have we experienced the complete opposite? Is our experience of love kind? Have we experienced and are we experiencing the kindness of God in our lives? Do we believe love is kind? What is our perspective and thinking of God's kindness? The scriptures teach us that the kindness of God leads us to repentance.

Romans 2:4 ...not knowing that the kindness of God leads to repentance.

The kindness of love is a tangible reality to be experienced in our lives as it has a powerful effect on us, leading us to live lives of repentance. Repentance is the starting point of our new life in Christ. It's God's kindness that leads us to this place of humbling ourselves and receiving Him as our Lord and Saviour. It's the kindness of God that keeps us in a lifestyle of repentance, meaning the complete transformation of our minds, until we have the acquired the full measure of His mind.

The first part of this verse is very enlightening and one that we must pay attention to.

Romans 2:4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience...

For us to think lightly of God's kindness, tolerance and patience towards us, would be because firstly we don't actually believe and know just how wicked and evil our sinful nature is, and secondly, we are yet to receive a revelation of the knowledge of who God is.

When we have a revelation of what we has been saved from, and just how much God has been kind, tolerant and patient towards us in this state, it's impossible to think lightly of His kindness. We become captivated by His kindness towards us and our gratitude and thanksgiving is expressed in the giving of our entire lives, which is our true act of spiritual worship.

1 Peter 2:1-3 is another passage of scripture that is to stop us in our tracks and have us asses where we are at in our relationship with Christ, when it comes to love being kind.

1 Peter 2:1-3 Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

Tasting the kindness of the Lord is directly connected to putting aside all malice, hypocrisy, envy and slander. Tasting God's kindness creates a hunger and a thirst for the pure milk of the word, meaning you acquire an absolute passion for His living manna from above, which empowers our transformative salvation.



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Questions:

1. Why does the kindness of God lead a person to repentance?
2. What impact is kindness to have on our lives?
3. Share your own experience of God's kindness in your own life?

Application: What is one action we can take in relation to receiving and experiencing God's kindness in our lives?