

### C. Those \_\_\_\_\_ With God Give Freely To Others.

And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ. <sup>7</sup>Your love has given me much joy and comfort, my brother, for your kindness has often refreshed the hearts of God's people.

Philemon 1:6-7 (NLT)

### D. My \_\_\_\_\_ Are A Reminder Of God's Kindness To Me.

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Stand firm against Him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are. <sup>10</sup>In His kindness God called you to share in His eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, He will restore, support, and strengthen you, and He will place you on a firm foundation.

1 Peter 5:8-10 (NLT)

## Additional Notes:



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Message 5: The Fruit Of The Spirit Is KINDNESS

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#### Last Week: The Fruit Of The Spirit PATIENCE

- Patience Is Perseverance.
  - Patience Is Not Grumbling.
  - Patience Is My Staying Power.
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*Chrestotes – kindness*

*Definition* – Practical kindness with vulnerability out of deep inner security.

*Opposite* – Envy. Unable to rejoice other's joy.

*Counterfeit* – Manipulative good deeds. "Right hand knowing what left hand is doing." Self-congratulation and self-righteousness.

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How kind the Lord is! How good he is! So merciful, this God of ours!  
Psalm 116:5 (NLT)

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. <sup>24</sup>Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins. <sup>25</sup>For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood...

Romans 3:23-25a (NLT)

So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:7 (NLT)

*But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Galatians 5:22,23 (NLT)*

**THE STORY OF DAVID AND MEPHIBOSHETH**  
**I Samuel 16:1-9 – II Samuel 4:4 – II Samuel 9:1-11**

**1. LIFE TOOK A \_\_\_\_\_ TURN  
FOR MEPHIBOSHETH.**

**A. He was in this \_\_\_\_\_ by no  
\_\_\_\_\_ of his own.**

Now Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son crippled in his feet. He was five years old when the report of Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel, and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened that in her hurry to flee, he fell and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth. II Samuel 4:4 (NAS)

**B. His choices were now \_\_\_\_\_.**

The king said, "Is there not yet anyone of the house of Saul to whom I may show the kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is crippled in both feet." <sup>4</sup>So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel in Lo-debar." II Samuel 9:3-4 (NAS)

**Lo-Debar = "Not \_\_\_\_\_" or "No Pasture"**

**2. HE FOUND \_\_\_\_\_ KINDNESS.**

And David said to him, 'do not fear, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of your father Jonathan, and will restore to you all the land of your grandfather Saul; and you shall eat at my table regularly. II Samuel 9:7 (NAS)

**A. Kindness Gave Him A New \_\_\_\_\_.**

Then the king called Saul's servant Ziba and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson. <sup>10</sup>You and your sons and your servants shall cultivate the land for him, and you shall bring in *the produce* so that your master's grandson may have food; nevertheless Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall eat at my table regularly." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

II Samuel 9:10-11 (NAS)

**B. Kindness Gave Him A Place Of \_\_\_\_\_.**

So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate at the king's table regularly. Now he was lame in both feet. II Samuel 9:13 (NAS)

**C. Kindness Gave Him \_\_\_\_\_.**

Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant so your servant will do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table as one of the king's sons. II Samuel 9:11 (NAS)

God places the lonely in families; He sets the prisoners free and gives them joy. But for rebels, there is only famine and distress. Psalm 68:6 (NLT)

**3. PRACTICE \_\_\_\_\_.**

**A. To Honor \_\_\_\_\_.**

...Is there not yet anyone of the house of Saul to whom I may show the kindness of God?... I Samuel 16:3

**B. To Honor \_\_\_\_\_.**

...Is there yet anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake? I Samuel 16:1

See: I Samuel 20:14-17; 42; 23:16,17

**APPLICATION:**

**A. I Don't Have To Live In \_\_\_\_\_.**

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. <sup>2</sup>Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Ephesians 4:1-2 (NLT)

**B. A Sign Of Receiving God's Grace Is  
\_\_\_\_\_ Grace.**

Since God chose you to be the holy people He loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. Colossians 3:12-15 (NLT)