

“Walking By The Spirit, Part Ten”

- 1) **Love** – value; worth
- 2) **Joy** – exhilaration of the heart
- 3) **Peace** – tranquility of the mind
- 4) **Patience** – slow to anger; endure difficult people & circumstances
- 5) **Kindness** – Greek: chrestotes
 - a) **The Scriptural Definition** – a sweetness of character that shrinks from inflicting pain; a tenderness that endeavors to deal with people graciously; treating people as important; related to loving and valuing people the way God values them; **doing something beneficial for someone that hurt you**; the fruit of kindness shows _____
 - b) **The Sinful Contrast** – _____ / _____
 - c) **The Supreme Example** (Mt. 11:30; Lk. 6:35; Titus 3:4-5)
 - d) **The Specific Commands** (Eph. 4:32; Micah 6:8)
 - e) **The Spiritual Impact** (Ps. 34:8; Rom. 2:4; Eph. 4:32; 1 Pet. 2:3)
- 6) **Goodness** – Greek: agathosune
 - a) **The Scriptural Definition** – doing that which is right with a spirit-led passion for truth; to do what is right and stand for righteousness; the fruit of goodness shows _____ (Micah 6:8)
 - b) **The Sinful Contrast** – _____
 - c) **The Supreme Example** (1 Jn. 2:1; Mt. 21:12-13)
 - d) **The Specific Commands** (Eph. 5:7-13)
 - e) **The Spiritual Impact** (Rom. 15:13-14; 2 Thess. 1:11-12)

Discussion Questions:

1. Share some of the ways the Holy Spirit has made you more loving, joyful, peaceful, and patient in recent weeks.
2. Read the definitions of “kindness” on your outline. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being perfection), how would you rate yourself on being a kind person? Are you only kind to people that are kind to you or are you kind to everyone (even if they hurt you)?
3. Is there a connection between love and kindness? Is there a connection between patience and kindness? What is it?
4. How would a deeper understanding of the Gospel of Grace help you be a kinder person? (See Rom. 2:4; Eph. 4:31-32)
5. Why is stinginess / self-centeredness a sinful contrast to patience? Read Acts 20:33-35. How was Paul an example of kindness / generosity?
6. Read the definitions for goodness on your outline. What do you think keeps most people from confronting evil in our world today?
7. What is the relationship between kindness and goodness?
8. Read 2 Cor. 6:14 – 7:1. What does this passage have to do with goodness?
9. Read Eph. 5:1-13. How does God expect us to live in an immoral world?
10. If you walked in the Spirit and He produced the fruit of kindness and goodness in you, what specific differences would it make this week:
 - With the way you relate to your family?
 - With the way you relate to your neighbors?
 - With the way you relate to your fellow employees?
 - With the way you relate to other church members?
 - With your active participation in social / moral issues in our culture?

[Answers to blanks: **Mercy; Stinginess / Self-Centeredness; Justice; Immorality**]