



Maintaining True Community: Be Kind

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“And now I will show you the most excellent way...Love is patient, love is kind...it protects...it is not rude, it is not self-seeking...” 1 Cor. 12:31,13:4-8

Love is:

- Kind – warmhearted, considerate, humane, gentle, sympathetic.
- Protects – to cover closely, keep a secret
- Rude/Dishonoring – behavior which breaks acceptable standards, disgraceful, unbecoming, indecent
- Self-seeking – desire self

1. Be kind to everyone.

“And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone.” 2 Tim 2:24

- Be kind to your enemies.

“But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.”
Luke 6:35

- Be kind to the needy.

“Blessed is he who is kind to the needy.” Prov. 14:21

“Whoever is kind to the needy honors God.” Prov. 14:31

“He who is kind to the poor loans to the Lord and He will reward him.” Prov. 19:17

- Be kind to the family of God.

“Be kind to everyone especially to the family of believers.” Gal. 6:10

2. Use kind words.

“An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up.” Prov. 12:25

- Write a note to someone.
- Tell someone you are proud of them.
- Tell someone what you admire about them.

3. God is kind to us.

“But when the kindness and love of God appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.” Titus 3:4-5

- God is merciful – does not give us the judgment we deserve.
- Kindness of God leads to repentance.

“Or do you show contempt for the riches of His kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you to repentance?” Rom. 2:4

“I've given you an example...now do as I have done to you.” John 13:15