

YEAR OF GROWTH

KINDNESS

WEEK 3

EXAMPLES

New Testament:

There are many examples of men and women of kindness in the New Testament. Of course, Jesus is the greatest example of all. We will focus on several who help us to understand the nature and action of brotherly kindness.

Day One – Sunday

Reflect on the definitions of the words that God used to describe kindness. Think back over the previous lessons. Read again the passages that you have written. Recall the verses you have memorized. Focus on the meaning of kindness and prepare to explore important Bible examples.

Day Two – Monday

John 13:1-11

There are many examples of kindness in the life of Jesus. One that stands out above many others is His washing of the apostles' feet. Notice that Jesus knew that Judas was the one who would betray Him – even that very night. Yet, Jesus still washed his feet. What a demonstration of servanthood, love, and brotherly kindness!

Day Three – Tuesday

Luke 10:25-37

The parable of the Good Samaritan reveals another notable example of kindness. Those who were actual brothers of the injured man – the priest and the Levite – did not show kindness to him. Instead, they “passed by on the other side.” The Samaritan had no ties of kinship with the wounded victim. Yet he had compassion for him and showed him kindness.

Day Four – Wednesday

Acts 4:32-37

The early church imitated Jesus by showing kindness to one another. They were not selfish with their money or possessions but shared them with those who had need. People even sold their property and gave the money to the church to help the needy. Brotherly kindness was demonstrated by treating one another as family.

Day Five – Thursday**Acts 9:26-31**

Barnabas, who sold land and gave the money to the church, also showed kindness to a new brother in need. Saul had been a persecutor of disciples of Christ. However, he had been converted and become a preacher of the Gospel. When he came to Jerusalem, many doubted him and shunned him. Barnabas, in an act of brotherly kindness, stood up for him and vouched for Saul's genuine repentance and faithful service.

Day Six – Friday**Acts 28:1-7**

The people of Melita were not Christians, but they showed great kindness to Paul and his shipwrecked companions. They welcomed them with great hospitality, providing for them in their time of need. A man named Publius housed them and took care of them for three days. Sadly, many Christians can learn from the example of such "barbarians" the true meaning of kindness.

Day Seven – Saturday**Romans 15:25-27**

The Gentile Christians in Macedonia and Achaia raised funds to send to the aid of the church in Jerusalem. A famine had struck that part of the world and their brethren were in need (cf. Acts 11:27-30). This was (and is) a duty of the church. However, it is also an act of brotherly kindness.