

Sermon Notes

Things That Matter: Beautiful Produce in an Age of Crop Failure

#7 – “On Kindness and Goodness”

I. Introduction

A. Being kind – Galatians 5:22

1. Note distinction between kindness and goodness
 - a. Jerry Bridges
2. Pastor Don’s experience in being the recipient of kindness

B. Further explanation

1. Kindness – the simple things
2. Goodness
 - a. Deliberate deeds
 - b. Jesus as an example – Acts 10:38

II. God’s kindness

A. Key texts

1. Luke 6:35; Romans 2:4; Ephesians 2:7; Titus 3:4
 - a. God’s kindness in contrast to man’s undeservedness

B. Our tendency to demonstrate kindness to those we have an affinity for such as...

C. Yet, called to be kind to all people – Luke 6:35

III. Jesus’ teaching

A. Matthew’s gospel

1. The five major teaching blocks of Matthew end in Chapters 24-25.
 - a. End of the age discourse

B. Jesus knows His sheep, but how do we know them?

1. Matthew 25:31-40
 - a. Not speaking of all people – only church family

1. Brothers – Adelfhos – same term used earlier in Matthew 12:46-50

2. Desire for goodness results in kindness

a. Even the world desires kindness

1. Bumper sticker – Practice random acts of kindness

IV. The doing of good works

A. Paul to Ephesus

1. Ephesians 2:8-10

a. Note the word “walk”. It is basic to life and a huge impediment to those who are not able.

B. Paul on the care of widows

1. I Timothy 5:9-10

a. Known for good deeds

V. Doing good

A. Paul to the church of Galatia

1. Galatians 6:10

a. Good deeds as salt

1. Matthew 5:45

B. Paul to Timothy

1. I Timothy 5-8 – Good deeds begin at home

C. Going good to all

1. Psalm 14:4

2. Galatians 6:9

VI. A case study

A. Dorcus – Acts 9:36-41

1. She abounded in good deeds

2. Meaning of her name

3. Her story

VII. Questions to Ponder

A. Closing thoughts and questions to ponder