

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

7: "On Kindness and Goodness"

Galatians 5:22

"²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...."

**Kindness is a sincere desire for
the happiness of others.**

**Goodness is the activity
calculated to advance that
happiness.**

Acts 10:38

"³⁸ You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

Luke 6:35

"³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men."

Romans 2:4

"⁴ Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?"

Ephesians 2:7

"⁷ So that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."

Titus 3:4

"⁴ But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared...."

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Matthew 25:31-40

“³¹ But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; ³³ and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.

“³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; ³⁶ naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’

³⁷ Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? ³⁸ And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? ³⁹ When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ ⁴⁰ The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’”

Matthew 12:46-50

“⁴⁶ While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him. ⁴⁷ Someone said to Him, ‘Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You.’ ⁴⁸ But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, ‘Who is My mother and who are My brothers?’ ⁴⁹ And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, ‘Behold My mother and My brothers!’ ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

“⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

Ephesians 2:10

“¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”

I Timothy 5:9-10

“⁹ A widow is to be put on the list only if she is not less than sixty years old, having been the wife of one man, ¹⁰ having a reputation for good works; and if she has brought up children, if she has shown hospitality to strangers, if she has washed the saints’ feet, if she has assisted those in distress, and if she has devoted herself to every good work.”

Galatians 6:10

“¹⁰ So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.”

Matthew 5:45

“⁴⁵ So that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”

I Timothy 5:8

“⁸ But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

Psalms 14:4

“⁴ Do all the workers of wickedness not know, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?”

Galatians 6:9

“⁹ Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.”

Acts 9:36-41

“³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which translated in Greek is called Dorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did. ³⁷ And it happened at that time that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her body, they laid it in an upper room. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, having heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him, imploring him, ‘Do not delay in coming to us.’

³⁹ So Peter arose and went with them. When he arrived, they brought him into the upper room; and all the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, ‘Tabitha, arise.’ And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive.”